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# SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.

OCTOBER TERM, 1897.

NO. 343.

THE UNITED STATES, APPELLANT,

VS.

MARIA DE LA PAZ VALDEZ DE CONWAY ET AL.

APPEAL FROM THE COURT OF PRIVATE LAND CLAIMS.

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## 1 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Territory of New Mexico, ss:*

Be it remembered that heretofore, to wit, on the 21st day of February, A. D. 1893, there was filed in the office of the clerk of the Court of Private Land Claims, at the city of Santa Fe, in the Territory of New Mexico, a petition, which said petition is in the words and figures following, to wit:

## 2 In the Court of Private Land Claims of the United States.

## MARIA DE LA PAZ VALDES DE CONWAY, JOHN

W. Conway, John D. Pray, Jesus Maria Ortiz y Baca, Encarnacion Romero y Ortiz, Maria Rosa Romero y Ortiz, Manuel Romero, Paulo Romero v Baldes, Felipe Romero, Encarnacion Romero, Francisco A. Romero y Rodarte, Antonio E. Romero y Rodarte, Paulo Romero y Ortiz, Luis Trujillo de Romero, Paulo Roybal, Ana Maria Romero, Vicente Romero, Rafael Romero, Perfecto Romero, Jose de la Luz Roybal, Rufina Ortiz de Ribera, and Ana Maria Roybal de Ribera, petitioners,

vs.

## THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, RESPONDENT.

*To the Honorable Joseph R. Reed, Chief Justice of the Court of Private Land Claims of the United States:*

The undersigned, Maria de la Faz Valdes de Conway, John W. Conway, John D. Pray, and all others named as petitioners in the foregoing title of this cause, by this their petition complaining of the United States of America, respondent, show unto the said court as follows:

On the second day of January, A. D. 1731, Bernardino de Sena, Tomas de Sena, and Luis Lopez, then residents of New Mexico, presented to Juan Domingo de Bustamente, governor and captain-general of New Mexico, their petition in writing, wherein they stated that they had registered the surplus land in the abandoned pueblo of Cuyamungue as being royal, public, and uninhabitated, from where the boundary line of the pueblo of San Diego de Tesuque terminates to where the grants of Lazaro Trujillo and the children of Juan de Mestas commence, and wherein they prayed the said governor and captain-general, in the name of the King of Spain, to make to them and their successors a grant of the said land, more particularly describing the said land as being situate on both sides of the river Tesuque (formerly Cuyamungue) and extending from the bluff of the pueblo of Cuyamungue to the hills of the Nambe road.

Thereupon, on the same day, the said governor and captain-general, according to the prayer of the said petition, made to the said petitioners, Bernardino de Sena, Tomas de Sena, and Luis Lopez, a royal grant in due form of law of the land mentioned as aforesaid in their said petition,

and by the terms of his granting decree in that behalf directed and commissioned the chief alcalde of the new village of Santa Cruz to notify the Indians of the pueblo of San Diego de Tesuque and the heirs of Juan de Mestas and Lazaro Trujillo and all other citizens of the immediate vicinity of the said granted land to show cause, if any they had,

against the said grant, and also thereby further directed and com-  
missioned the said chief alcalde, if he should find no objection

to the said grant and no injury resulting therefrom, to give unto the said petitioners royal possession thereof, with boundaries designated and land marks placed on the said granted land, and to report the said juridical proceedings in writing at the foot of the said decree.

Pursuant to the said granting decree, Domingo Vigil, chief alcalde of the new village of Santa Cruz and its jurisdiction, in execution of and in compliance with the said commands thereof, did on the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1731, proceed with his attendant witnesses to the said pueblo of San Diego de Tesuque, and then and there caused all the Indians of the said pueblo, including the governor and captains thereof, to assemble, and notified them of the said royal decree by then and there reading it to them, and thereupon instructed them that if they had any objection whatever to the said grant to make such objection freely, and assured them that they would be duly heard in justice; but the said Indians in answer said then and there, jointly and severally, that they made no objection whatever to the said grant, and declared that it did not in any wise injure them. And then and there the said chief alcalde also cited Baltazar Trujillo and Lazaro Trujillo and the heirs of Juan de Mestas and read to them the said royal decree, and they, being thus informed of the contents thereof, then and there declared that they had nothing to ask in the premises, and that they had no objections to offer against the said grant, inasmuch as the same did not injure them.

Whereupon the said chief alcalde, in conformity with the instructions to him in that behalf of the said governor and captain-general, proceeded with his said attendant witnesses on the same day to the site of the abandoned pueblo of Cuyamungue, and having examined the boundaries of the said abandoned pueblo, and those of the lands of the said pueblo of San Diego de Tesuque, he found the division line between the lands of the said Cuyamungue and Tesuque pueblos, respectively, to be an arroyo that comes down from the east, westwardly to the river then known as the river Cuyamungue, but now known as the river Tesuque, where there was then a cottonwood tree, and on which arroyo there were then and still are two mounds of bluestone, one on one side of the said arroyo and the other on the opposite side thereof, a little above the same; and on the same day the said chief alcalde, in the presence of the said Lazaro Trujillo and the said Bernardino de Sena, examined and ascertained the north boundary of the said granted land and found the same to be the division line between the said granted land and the land of the said Lazaro Trujillo.

Thereupon the said chief alcalde delivered seisin and possession of the said granted land, in due form of law, to the said Bernardino de Sena to the use of the said grantees, designating and marking as the boundaries

thereof a point contiguous to and in front of the house of Lazaro Trujillo for the boundary on the north; the said arroyo, bluestones, and cottonwood tree on the said river for the boundary on the south; the 6 hills and the road that leads to the pueblo of San Francisco de Nambe for the boundary on the east; and the hills and forests on the westerly side of the said river for the boundary on the west.

Thereupon the said chief alcalde, in the presence of his attendant witnesses, namely, Bartolome Trujillo and Francisco Baldez, duly executed and subscribed his act of juridical possession in the premises on the foot of the said royal decree, and returned the said royal decree and act of juridical possession to the said governor and captain-general, by whom the said proceedings of the said chief alcalde and the said act of juridical possession were thereupon fully approved, and the said royal decree and act of juridical possession were placed by the said governor and captain-general in the royal archives, kept in the city of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and a testimonio of the said title so granted and created was thereupon duly delivered by the said governor to the said grantees.

The said original royal decree and act of juridical possession are part of the archives of the Government of the United States, kept in the office of the surveyor-general, in the city of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and were derived by the United States from the King of Spain, immediately through the Republic of Mexico.

Your petitioners are unable to state accurately the area of the said granted land, but they believe that such area exceeds five thousand square acres. The said land has been provisionally surveyed by the United States, and the field notes of such survey and a plat thereof are 7 among the archives last aforesaid. A map of the said grant, as so made by the United States, is filed herewith; but, while the said map shows approximately the boundaries and extent of the said grant, your petitioners can not state, without a further survey of the said land, whether or not the said map is altogether correct.

The said private land claim has not heretofore been confirmed, considered, or acted upon by Congress or the authorities of the United States, or been heretofore submitted to any authorities constituted by law for the adjustment of land titles within the limits of the territory acquired by the United States from Mexico, except only that the said land has been provisionally surveyed by the United States, and further that the said private land claim was examined and approved by the surveyor-general of the United States for New Mexico (Hon. T. Rush Spencer), and by him reported favorably to Congress, with a recommendation that the same be confirmed to the legal representatives of Bernardino de Sena, Tomas de Sena, and Luis Lopez, with the limits and boundaries stated in the said act of juridical possession, as appears by the said report, dated November 15, 1871, and now in the possession of the respondent.

Your petitioners are interested in the said private land claim, because some of them in severalty and others of them as tenants in common have acquired the same by purchase and inheritance, directly or mediately, from the said original grantees, and your petitioners are all legal representatives of the said grantees.

8 The said original grantees, upon the livery of seisin and possession of the said granted land, entered upon, possessed, occupied, resided upon, cultivated, and improved the same for many years, far exceeding the period of four years immediately succeeding the date of the said grant, and they complied with all conditions precedent and subsequent expressed or implied in the said granting decree, and they and their descendants and legal representatives, ever since the said 22d day of January, A. D. 1731, have been in exclusive, uninterrupted, continuous, peaceable, open, notorious, and rightful seisin and possession of all and singular the said land, claiming it as their own in fee simple absolute, under and by virtue of the said royal grant, and your petitioners, as such legal representatives, are now in the like seisin and possession of all and singular the said land under the same claim.

No person or persons, natural or artificial, are in possession of the said land or any part thereof, or claim the same or any part thereof adversely to your petitioners, or otherwise than by their lease or permission.

Copies of the said royal decree and act of juridical possession (in Spanish and English) and of the said proceedings and report of the said surveyor-general are herewith filed as part of this petition, the originals of all the said instruments and proceedings being in the possession of the respondent and not in that of your petitioners.

The said grant and your petitioners' title thereunder are complete and perfect and were so complete and perfect before and at the time  
9. of the cession of New Mexico to the United States.

Your petitioners therefore pray that the validity of their said title and claim and of the said grant may be inquired into and decided by this honorable court, and that they may have all the relief in the premises which the said court is competent to afford and decree by virtue of the act of Congress under which it is organized.

Maria de la Paz Valdes de Conway, John W. Conway,  
John D. Pray, Jesus Maria Ortiz y Baca, Encarnacion  
Romero y Ortiz, Maria Rosa Romero y Ortiz, Manuel  
Romero, Paulo Romero y Baldes, Felipe Romero, Encar-  
nacion Romero, Francisco A. Romero y Rodarte,  
Antonio E. Romero y Rodarte, Paulo Romero y Ortiz,  
Luis Trujillo de Romero, Paulo Roybal, Ana Maria  
Romero, Vicente Romero, Rafael Romero, Perfecto  
Romero, Jose de la Luz Roybal, Rufina Ortiz de  
Ribera, Ana Maria Roybal de Ribera, petitioners,

By Jno. H. KNAEBEL,  
*Their Attorney.*

(Here follows map marked page 10.)

11 And be it further remembered that, to wit, on the 23rd day of March, A. D. 1893, a summons was issued by the clerk of said court, which said summons, with all endorsements thereon, is as follows, to wit:

12 [Form No. 167.—U. S. Court of Private Land Claims.]

*Summons.*

In the U. S. Court of Private Land Claims.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
*District of New Mexico, ss:*

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| MARIA DE LA PAZ VALDEZ DE CONWAY,<br>plaintiff,<br><sup>versus</sup><br>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEFENDANT. | Petition filed in the<br>clerk's office this 21st<br>day of February, A. D.<br>1893. |
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The President of the United States of America to Matt. G. Reynolds, esq., attorney for the United States before the Court of Private Land Claims, greeting:

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that an action has been brought in said court by Maria de la Paz Valdez de Conway, plaintiff, against you as defendant, under the provisions of the act of the Congress of the United States entitled "An act to establish a Court of Private Land Claims and to provide for the settlement of private land claims in certain States and Territories," approved March 3, 1891, and that a copy of the petition of said plaintiff is herewith attached and served upon you, and that you are required to appear and plead, demur, or answer to the petition filed in said action, in said court, within thirty days from the date of service of this summons upon you; and if you fail so to do, the said plaintiff will take default, according to the provisions of the aforesaid act.

Witness the Honorable Joseph R. Reed, chief justice of the Court of Private Land Claims, and the seal of the said court, at the city of Santa Fe, in said district, this 23d day of March, A. D. 1893, and of the Independence of the United States the      year.

[SEAL.]

JAMES H. REEDER, *Clerk.*  
By IRENEO L. CHAVES, *Deputy Clerk.*

13 *Proof of service.*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
*District of New Mexico, ss:*

SANTA FE, April 21, A. D. 1893.

I hereby certify that I received the within writ on the      day of March, A. D. 1893, and that I have personally served the same upon the said defendant U. S. by delivering to—(served on me this 29 day March,

1893. Matt. G. Reynolds, U. S. atty.)—and each of them personally a true copy of the within writ at the time and place as follows:

This writ, therefore, returned by me, as the law directs, this 21st day of April, A. D. A. D. 1893.

Marshal's fees: Service, defendants, at \$2, \$ ; mileage, miles, at 6c., going only, ; 1 summons, 4.00; total, \$4.00.  
Paid by .

TRINIDAD ROMERO, *Marshal.*  
By SERAPIO ROMERO,  
*Deputy Marshal.*

14 And afterwards, to wit, at a stated term of the Court of Private Land Claims, begun and held at Santa Fe, on the 9th day of October, 1895, and on the third day of said term, the same being the fourteenth day of October, A. D. 1895, the following, among other proceedings, were had, to wit:

MARIA DE LA PAZ VALDEZ DE CONWAY }  
vs. } No. 112. Cuyamungue grant.  
UNITED STATES. }

The above-entitled cause now coming on to be tried, there appeared J. H. Knaebel, esq., for and on behalf of the plaintiff, and Matt. G. Reynolds, esq., and Summers Burkhart, esq., U. S. attorneys, appeared for and on behalf of the said defendant, the U. S., and the parties having announced themselves ready, the trial of the cause was proceeded with on the pleadings presented. Oral and documentary proof was produced, and after full argument by counsel on both sides the cause was submitted and taken under advisement by the court.

Plaintiffs herein were granted leave to introduce further documents of derivative title.

15 On the trial of said cause the following testimony, oral and documentary, was offered and introduced:

16 In the U. S. Court of Private Land Claims, district of New Mexico.

MARIE DE LA PAZ DE CONWAY } Suit for what is known as the Cuya-  
vs. } mungue grant.  
THE UNITED STATES. }

This cause having previously been set for trial and coming on to be heard this ninth (9th) day of October, 1895, there appeared as counsel Mr. John H. Knaebel, for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Summers Burkhart for the United States, and in the presence of the court the following proceedings were had, to wit:

MR. KNAEBEL. I will read from the original documents in the archives, copies and translations of which are on file with the petition in this cause.

JUAN CRISTOBAL ROMERO, being called and sworn as a witness on behalf of plaintiffs, testified, through the medium of the official interpreter, as follows:

By Mr. KNAEBEL:

Q. State your name, age, occupation, and residence.

A. I am sixty years old; residence, Cuyamungue; my occupation, farmer; my name, Juan Cristobal Romero.

Q. Have you held any public office; and if so, what?

A. Yes, sir; I was a member of the Territorial Legislative Assemblies of '71 and '73. I have been a justice in this (Santa Fe) county, precinct number two, 1880, '81, and '82.

Q. Do you know of a grant called the grant of Bernado de Sena; also called the Cuyamungue?

A. Yes, sir; I know it.

Q. State whether or not you were present in the year 1879 when that grant was surveyed by the Surveyor-General of the United States?

A. I was present.

Q. How long have you known that grant, so surveyed?

A. I do not remember well, but I think it was surveyed by Colonel McMullen.

Q. How long have you known that tract of land?

17 A. Since I arrived at the age of reason.

Q. By whom was it occupied in your boyhood?

A. This place was occupied by Vicente Valdez and Felipe Sena.

Q. Was Felipe Sena a relative of Bernardo Sena's?

A. So I was told.

Q. By whom?

A. The families there and other citizens—that Don Felipe and Don Vicente were brothers.

Q. Any other persons living there?

A. I do not know of anybody else within that grant.

Q. How did they use that land?

A. They cultivated it, planting wheat and corn, and had goats and built houses for them.

Q. At the time of the survey, was any notice given to the Indians in that vicinity—in the vicinity of that land?

A. Notice was given to everybody.

Q. Were any of the Indians present?

A. No, sir.

Q. Did you ever hear of any objection made of the possession of this grant by the Indians of the adjoining pueblos?

A. Never. They have never been opposed to it.

Q. If you know, state what is the general reputation in the vicinity there as to what this tract of land, indicated on this survey, was.

A. The general reputation at that place is that it was a grant which belonged to the heirs of Vicente Valdez and Paz Valdez.

Q. What was that grant called when you were a boy?

A. The Bernardo grant, it was called always.

(To the interpreter: You asked him to whom it belonged: I did not want to know to whom it belonged.) (Interrupted.)

WITNESS: And it belonged to him also; and it belonged to me. I bought that property from the administrators of Mr. Smith.

Q. What Smith?

A. Lawyer Smith.

Q. Mr. L. Smith, the United States attorney?

18 A. I do not know whether he was attorney of the United States, but I think he was here about the year 'fifty.

Q. How much of that land did you occupy under that grant title?

A. I can not state the amount of land, but I did not occupy all of it; I occupied portions of it with my family.

Q. For how many years?

A. I do not remember well, but I think it was from the year '66 to '83.

Q. Did you claim that possession under this grant title?

A. Yes, sir.

Cross-examination, Mr. BURKHART:

Q. Where were you born?

A. I was born at Cuyamungue.

Q. Have you always lived there?

A. I lived at Rio Tesuque nine years.

Q. Isn't it true, Mr. Romero, that only small portions of the land embraced within the survey you speak of have been cultivated by anybody?

A. All of it has not been cultivated.

Q. Only a few small pieces were cultivated on the northern end—isn't that true?

A. No, north and south also; I cultivated on the north and Don Vicente Valdez on the south.

Q. How far from where Don Vicente Valdez cultivated did you cultivate?

A. I can not state the distance; it is very far; but I think it is very near three thousand yards from where my house is situated to that of Don Vicente.

Q. And those were the only places which have been cultivated to your knowledge?

A. According to what I have seen.

Q. And the rest of it is land that can not be cultivated?

A. It can be cultivated.

Q. Never has though?

A. I never saw it cultivated.

Q. Don't the Indians graze their cattle over that land?

19 A. They never graze upon it; because those lands were grazing places always for the two settlers that were there. There has never been one single Indian pasture there.

Q. Have you ever paid any taxes on this land?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long did you pay?

A. I paid only as long as I was possessor of it. I don't pay now.

Q. On how much did you pay—on the whole grant?

A. No, sir. Only for that what I believed to be the grant?

Q. Now about what size was the land that you cultivated?

A. I can not state that, only that sometimes I would sow three famegas of wheat, and maybe as many of corn; sometimes more, but I can not state with accuracy.

## Re-direct examination, Mr. KNAEBEL:

Q. During that time where did you pasture your stock; animals and goats?

A. In the vicinity there; in the places that we did not occupy.

Q. Within the limits of the grant, did you not?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you been over this grant?

A. Yes, sir; time and time again.

Q. Describe the general character of the land embraced within the Bernardo de Sena grant as surveyed by the United States.

A. The majority of it consists of sand hills, cut up by arroyos; there are some places there that may be cultivated; those may be one acre, in one place, and maybe twenty acres in another, but it is all pretty much sand hills; and there are a great many rocky hills, too.

## Recross-examination:

Mr. BURKHART. Look at that map [showing witness map made by U. S. surveyor-general of this tract] there at the northern part of the grant where the lands are designated as "cultivated lands;" now as a matter of fact isn't that the only land that is cultivated within that tract, or that can be cultivated?

A. That is north of the Cuyamungue River?

Q. They are the lands on the northern boundary of the grant?

20 A. Do these lines run along the boundaries of the grant?

Q. Yes; this is north, this is south, and this is the grant [indicating].

A. That marked is not all the cultivable land. There is quite a lot here [indicating] on the north side of the Cuyamungue River; I should say eighty to one hundred acres.

Q. Where is that? What part of the grant is it in?

A. It has always been considered about the middle of the grant by the people around there. It is in the neighborhood of eighty or one hundred acres.

Q. Is there eighty or one hundred acres of cultivable land in that entire grant?

A. Yes, sir; over.

Q. How much over?

A. I can't say exactly how much over, as it is very irregular and cut up. There is a great deal of it which is good, but has never been cultivated.

Q. When was that land cultivated—recently?

A. It has been cultivated since I took possession, I know.

Q. Had it ever been cultivated before that time?

A. Yes, sir; for years and years.

Q. The same place you have reference to?

A. Yes, sir; the same place.

Witness excused.

Mr. KNAEBEL. I will offer in evidence the original grant papers and translations and the various documents as they have been filed, and the documents showing the interests of these parties. I will not read any of

them, for I understand there is no contest made on those points. The questions raised by the United States, I believe, are those of law.

JOHN W. CONWAY, a witness called and sworn on behalf of the plaintiffs, testified as follows:

Direct examination, Mr. KNAEBEL:

Q. State your name, age, and residence.

A. John W. Conway; age, 57 years; I live in Santa Fe.

Q. Are you the same John W. Conway who, with his wife,  
21 joined in a petition to the surveyor-general for an examination of  
the grant in question here, the Bernardo de Sena?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long have you known that tract of land?

A. Personally, since 1870.

Q. Did you or not claim any interest in that land at that time?

A. Yes, sir; and I signed certain papers showing that, and I turned over those papers, and the original grant papers were also turned over, and I took steps to have it confirmed by the surveyor-general at that time.

Q. What do you know as to any cultivation or any use being made of the lands thus claimed under the original grant title?

A. It had been used considerably for pasture purposes.

Cross-examination:

Q. Have you any deeds showing your interest in that grant?

A. I have various documents relating to it.

Q. You never had any written conveyances for the interests you had in this grant?

A. Yes, sir; I did. Otherwise I would not own it. I have deeds that are on record in the probate clerk's office, and I have the originals at home. I have conveyed the interests away, but I have my deeds yet.

Q. To whom did you sell?

A. To Mr. Knaebel.

Witness excused.

MARIA DE LA PAZ DE CONWAY, one of the plaintiffs, called as in her own behalf, testified through the medium of the official interpreter, as follows:

Direct examination, Mr. KNAEBEL:

Q. What is your name and residence?

A. Maria de la Paz Conway; I live in Santa Fe.

Q. You are the wife of John W. Conway?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you know a tract of land called the Bernardo de Sena grant?

A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. Do you know who occupied that land at any time?

A. It is not occupied now, but it was occupied before.

Q. By whom?

A. By my father, Vicente Valdez.

Q. How did your father, Vicente Valdez, use the land?

A. I think by farming it. He lived there. I wasn't very old at the time.

Q. Did you live there with your father?

A. Yes, sir. I was born there and I was raised up there.

Q. Do you know whether your father claimed that under the Bernardo de Sena grant title?

A. I know it was the grant of Bernardo de Sena, and that it was claimed by my father.

No cross-examination; witness excused.

Plaintiff's rest.

For the United States:

Mr. BURKHART. I offer in evidence these two plats showing the location of what are known as the Nambe and Pojoaque grants, confirmed by Congress.

I also introduce in evidence archive No. 882, with translations.

I also offer archive No. 1342, with translations.

I also offer in evidence the files of the U. S. surveyor-general's office in reported cases "N" and "R," which constitute the papers transmitted to Congress in the claims of the Pojoaque and Nambe Indian grants, respectively.

The United States rest.

JUAN CRISTOBAL ROMERO recalled on behalf of plaintiffs:

Mr. KNAEBEL:

Q. What relation did you say Felipe Sena, whom you mentioned, was to the grantee, Bernardo de Sena?

(Objected to by the United States for the reason that witness has not shown himself to be connected with the Sena families, and is therefore not competent to testify as to matters of relationship existing in that family.)

Objection overruled.)

23 A. Felipe was a nephew of Bernardo de Sena.

Q. Is Felipe Sena dead or alive?

A. He is dead.

Q. When did he die?

A. I do not remember; it was about '70 or '75.

Q. Did you ever know him to be in occupation of this grant?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you claim under him?

A. Not under Felipe Sena.

Q. Then how did you get your conveyance?

A. I got it by purchase from the administrator of Mr. Smith. The administrator was Henry O'Niell, and the lawyer was John Houston.

Q. How did Smith claim title?

A. He purchased it at a public sale.

Q. Whose interest did he purchase?

A. The interest belonged to Felipe de Sena.

Q. Bernardo de Sena is dead?

A. Yes, sir.

## Cross-examination, Mr. BURKHART:

Q. Did you know Felipe Sena very well?

A. Yes, sir; very well.

Q. How old was he when he died?

A. I can not say, but he was a very old man.

At this point court took an adjournment until 10 o'clock a. m. until to-morrow (October 10th), and this cause was continued until that time, October 10th, 1895. The following proceedings were had in this cause, to wit:

Mr. BURKHART. There were some witnesses who testified in the Pojoaque and Nambe cases before the surveyor-general, some old Indians, and before introducing them I will ask Mr. Knaebel, representing the claimants here, to admit that those witnesses are dead, to save me the trouble of proving it, and then I will consent to his introducing his abstract of title without objection.

24 Mr. KNAEBEL. I don't exactly understand.

Mr. BURKHART. I wish to offer the testimony of these witnesses in the Pojoaque and Nambe cases.

Mr. KNAEBEL. Very well. For the purpose of shortening the record, I will admit that those witnesses are dead, but I do not waive the right to make any objections I may think proper.

Mr. BURKHART. Very well. I offer in evidence the testimony taken in these two cases before the surveyor-general.

Mr. KNAEBEL. I will offer, with the consent of the United States attorney, an abstract of title in lieu of the deeds we have filed.

Case closed. Argument followed. Submitted.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true, and correct transcript of the proceedings had in open court in the case of Maria de la Paz Conway vs. The United States.

LYMAN F. PARKER, Jr.,  
*Stenographer, Court of Private Land Claims.*

AUGUST 1, 1896.

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*Plaintiffs' exhibit.*

Transcript of private land claim reported No. 54, known as the Cuyamungue grant, made to Bernardino de Sena and others, January 2, 1731, and approved by the surveyor-general of New Mexico, November 15, 1871.

Bernardino de Sena et al.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Territory of New Mexico.*

To the Honorable T. RUSH SPENCER,

*United States Surveyor-General for the Territory of New Mexico:*

Your petitioners, John W. Conway and his wife Maria de la Paz Valdez, and Juan Cristoval Romero, purchaser, all residents of the county of Santa Fe, Territory of New Mexico, present owners and claimants of the Cuyamungue tract of land in said county, would respectfully state to you that in the year 1731 Benardo de Sena, Tomas Sena,

and Luis Lopez petitioned Juan Domingo de Bustamante, the governor and captain-general of the Kingdom of New Mexico, under the Crown of Spain, for a grant of the surplus land in the abandoned pueblo of Cuyamungue. Said petition was duly presented, and, being fully considered by said governor, a grant was made to said petitioners on the 2nd day of January, 1731, to the tract called Cuyamungue, situate in the present county of Santa Fe, Territory aforesaid, and described and bounded as follows, to wit: On the north of the house of Lazaro Trujillo on this side of the river; on the south by an arroyo, two mounds of blue stone, and a cottonwood tree on the said river of Cuyamungue; on the east by some hills and the road that leads to the pueblo of San Francisco de Nambé, and on the west by some hills and forests on the other side of the Cuyamungue River, as is designated in plat marked "B," accompanying this petition. All of which points and boundaries are well-known landmarks in said county of Santa Fe. The said grant was made to the said grantees in fee, and was duly taken possession of by said grantees in

accordance with the forms of law then in force on the 22nd day  
26 of January, 1731, and ever since that time the said grantees, and  
their heirs and legal representatives, have held quiet and peaceable possession thereof, without any adverse claim of any kind whatsoever.

The said claimants and petitioners cannot state with accuracy the quantity of land contained in said grant, but it is supposed to contain about five thousand acres. Nor can they furnish an accurate plat of survey, as no survey has been made of the same, but herewith append a plat of said grant as accurate as possibly can be made from the maps and known metes and bounds above given, and which is supposed to be accurate enough to be placed upon the general maps.

The original grant is herewith presented, marked "A," and is begged to be made a part of this petition, to be referred to whenever necessary. Claimants present this their said claim before you, under the act of Congress approved July 22nd, 1854, entitled "An act to establish the offices of surveyor-general of New Mexico, Kansas, and Nebraska, to grant donations to actual settlers therein, and for other purposes," and respectfully ask approval and confirmation of their said claims to the legal representatives of the original grantees.

SAMUEL ELLISON,  
*Attorney for Claimant.*

#### Sr. GONERUR. Y CAPPN. GENL.:

Bernardino de Sena, Tomas de Sena, Luis Lopez, vecinos de este reyno, ante vssa. paresemos en la mas bastante forma que en derecho aya lugar y al nuestro combenga, y dezemos: que registramos las demasias de tierras que ay en el pueblo despoblado de Cuyamungue, por realengas, yermas, y despobladas, desde donde acaban los linderos de el Pueblo de Tesuque,

27 hasta donde empiesan las mercedes de Lazaro Trujillo, y de los hijos de Juan de Mestas, y dichas mercedes se á de servir vssa. de hasernos á nombre de su majestad para nosotros y nuestros sub-sesores, para eria de ganados mayores y menores y caballados de una y otra banda del río, y desde el barranco de dicho pueblo de Cullamungue hasta las lomas del camino de Nambe con zitazion de nos pastores y con la calidad de poblarlos dntró de el termino de la ley por todo lo qual y lo

mas que alegar podemos y a nuestro favor haga que damos por expresado. A vssa. pedimos y suplicamos con el mas profundo rendimnto. sea muy servido de mandar haser como llevamos pedido, en que reseviremos bien y merced con justicia? Juramos es de nuestro escripto en toda forma, y por no ser malizioso protestamos contra y en lo nesesario, &c.

BERNARDINO DE SENA.

TOMAS DE SENA.

LUIS LOPEZ.

### AUTO.

Y por su senoria vista la hubo por presentado en cuanto á lugar en derecho y en atencion alo que los suplicantes piden en escripto les haria e hizo merzed de tierras que espresan en nombre de su magd., y para ello el alcalde mayor de la villa nueba de Santa Cruz haga zitation en formaq. los Yndios del pueblo de Tesuque y á los herederos de Jn. de Mestas, y Lazaro Trujillo, y demas vezinos ynmediatos para qui se tienen contradesir lo hagan q. seran oydos y administra justisia, y de no haber perjuicio ni contradizion alguna el dho. alcalde mayor les dara á los suplicantes la posicion real, cual aprehenderan senalando linderos y poniendo 28 mejoras lo cual ejectura dho. alcalde mayor poniendolo por diligencia al pie de este escripto con toda claridad. Asi lo provello, maando y firmo su sria. por ante mi el presente secretario de goon. y guerra.

JUAN DMO. DE BUSTAMANTE.

Ante mi:

ALFONSO RUEL DE AGUILAR,

*Srio. de Gu. y Gra.*

En el pueblo de San Diego de Tesuque, en vei'te y dos dias del mes de enero de mil setesientos y trei'ta y un anos yo, Domingo Vijil, theniente de alcalde maior de la villa Nueba de Santa Cruz y su jurisdiccion en ejecucion y cumplimiento del auto proveido del Senor Governado Domingo de Bustamante, vine á este dho. pueblo y estando en el hice juntar a todos los yndios, governador y capitanes, á los cuales hize la citacion que dho. señor me ordena y manda, leiendole el referido auto dandoselo á entender si tenian que contradesir alguna cosa sobre la mersed de tierras que dho. sr. governador le hacia á Bernardo de Sena lo que isiesen ante mi libremte. que seran oidos en justicia. Y estando enterados del contexto referido autto dijeron todoosjuntos y cada uno de por si que no tenian que contradecir porque no les perjudicaba en manena alguna cosa alguna; Y de la misma forma zite a Baltazar Trujillo, Lazaro Trujillo, y los herederos de Juan de Mestas, leiendoles la referida merzed y estando enterados de su contenido dijeron que no tenian que pedir ni contradesir cosa; en contrario por no perjudicarles la referida merced hecha á favor de Bernardo de Sena, en cuia conformidad y en virtud de lo mandado por dho. ssr. governador y capitán general, passe yo dho. teniente de alcalde maior, con los testigos de mi asistencia al pueblo de Cuyamungue y reconosiendo los linderos del pueblo y tierra de Tesuque, que llegan hasta un arroyo que baja de oriente á poniente hasta el rrio Cuyamungue, adonde esta un alamo y en dho. arrojo, á un lado estando dos mojoneras de piedras azules uno en

un lado y otro de otro, poco mas arriba de dho. arroyo, i asiendo  
 29 la misma diligencia con las tierras que lindan por la parte del norte,  
 que son de Lazaro Trujillo, quien se hallo presente, y estandolo  
 tambien el dho. Bernardo de Sena, le coji de la mano y lo passee por  
 dhas. tierras, arranco yerbas, tiro piedras, y haciendo las demas ceremonias  
 que el derecho dispone se agan en senal de posecion, la cual le di de dhas.  
 tierras que cojen por la parte del norte en frente de una casa de Lazaro  
 Trujillo, de esta banda del errio por la parte del sur con dho. arroio  
 piedras azules y el alamo que esta en el rrio de dho. Cuyamungue; por el  
 oriente con unas lomas y camino que ba del pueblo de San Franco de  
 Nambe, y poer el poniente con unas lomas y monte que esta en la otra  
 parte del rrio de Cuyamungue. Todo lo cual se hiso y exuto y aprehendiola  
 posesion rl., queita y pasificante, sin contradiccion alguna; y para q. conste  
 lo firme con los testigos ynfrascritos de mi asistensia; fha. ut., supra.

DOMINGO MONTES VIGIL,  
*Juez Receptor.*

Testigos de asta.: FRANCO. VALDEZ.

Testigo de astta.: BARTOLOME TRUJILLO.

#### TERRITORIO DE NUEVO MEJICO,

*Condado de Santa Fe:*

Yo el infrascrito escribano de la corte de pruebas en y por el Condado de Santa Fe, en el Territorio de Nuevo Mejico, certifico que hoy el dia veinte de Julio, A. D. 1868, han sido enregistrados por mi los antecedentes documentos en el libro letra D, paginas 501, 502, 503, y 504, de registros de documentos de tierras, etc., el cual es tenido en esta oficina con tal objeto.

En testimonio de lo cual pongo mi nombre y el sello de la corte de pruebas de dicho condado de Santa Fe, Nuevo Mejico, hoy el dia 20 de Julio, A. D. 1868.

TRINIDAD ALARID,  
*Escribano de la Corte de Pruebas y Ex-Oficio Registrador.*

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*Plaintiff's exhibit.*

Translation of transcript of Private Land Claims, R. No. 54, Cuyamungue Grant.

*To His Excellency the Governor and Captain-General:*

We, Bernardino de Sena, Tomas de Sena, and Luis Lopez, residents of this Kingdom, appear before your excellency in due form of law, and say that we register the surplus land in the abandoned pueblo of Cuyamangue as royal public and uninhabited from where the boundary line of Tebuquerque terminates to where the grant of Lazaro Trujillo and the children of Juan de Mestas commences, and that your excellency will be pleased to make said grant, in the name of His Majesty, to us and to our successors, for the raising of all kinds of live stock, on both sides of the river and from the bluff of the Pueblo of Cuyamungue to the hills of the Nambe road by citation of the parties with the condition to settle the same within the time prescribed by law. In consideration

of all of which and all else we might allege favorable to us we give as if expressed. In view of all which we also pray your excellency with the most profound humility to be pleased to order as we have requested, whereby we will receive benefit, favor, and justice, and we declare this our petition to be in due form and without dissimulation and as may be necessary, &c.

BERNARDINO DE SENA,  
TOMAS DE SENA.  
LUIS LOPEZ.

## DECREE.

In the village of Santa Fe, on the 2nd day of the month of Janucary, 1731, before His Excellency Juan Domingo de Bustamante, governor and captain-general of this kingdom of New Mexico, its forces and garrisons castellan of His Majesty this petition was presented by the parties thereto, and the same being seen by his excellency, he treated the same as before him, so far as the law contemplates; and in attention to the prayer of the applicants in their petition, he made to them the grant of

land mentioned by them, in the name of His Majesty. Therefore  
 31 the chief alcalde of the new village of Santa Cruz will notify  
 the Indians of the pueblo of Tesuque and the heirs of Juan de  
 Mestas and Lazaro Trujillo and all other adjoining citizens, in due form,  
 in order that may make objections, if any they have, and be heard in  
 justice administered, and if there be no injury nor objection whatever the  
 said chief alcalde will give unto said petitioners the royal possession,  
 which they shall take by designating boundaries and placing landmarks,  
 which said chief alcalde shall state clearly in writing at the foot of this  
 decree. This his excellency provided, commanded, and signed before  
 me, the present secretary of state and war.

JUAN DOMINGO DE BUSTAMENTO.

Before me :

ALPHONSO RAEL DE AGUILAR,  
*Secretary of State and War.*

In the pueblo of San Diego de Tesuque, on the 22nd day of the month of January, 1731, I, Domingo Vigil, lieutenant-chief alcalde of the new village of Santa Cruz and its jurisdiction, in execution of and in compliance with the decree rendered by His Excellency Juan Domingo de Bustamente, governor and captain-general, arrived at said pueblo, and being therein, I caused all the Indians, governor, and captains to assemble, and notified them of what his excellency ordered and commanded, by reading to them the said decree, giving them to understand that if they had any objection whatever to make to the grant of land made by his excellency the said governor to Bernardo de Sena to make it to me freely; that they would be heard in justice; and being informed of said decree, they jointly and severally said that they made no objection whatever, and that it did not in anywise injure them. In the same form I cited Baltazar Trujillo, Lazaro Trujillo, and the heirs of Juan de Mestas, and reading to them the said grant, and they being informed of the contents thereof, they said that they had nothing to ask or objection to offer against said

grant, as the said grant, as made in favor of Bernardo de Sena, did not injure them. In conformity therewith and by virtue of the order of his excellency the governor and captain-general, I, the said lieutenant-chief alcalde, proceeded, in company with my attending witnesses, 32 to the pueblo of Cuyamungue, and having examined the boundaries of the pueblo and the lands of Tesque, which reach to an arroyo that comes down from the east to west to the river of Cuyamungue, where there is a cottonwood tree, and on said arroyo there are two mounds of blue stone, one on one side and the other on the opposite side thereof, a little above said arroyo; and observing the like proceedings as to the boundaries of the land on the north, which are those of Lazaro Trujillo, who was present, as also the said Bernardo de Sena, whom I took by the hand and conducted him over said lands, he pulled up herbs and threw stones and performed all other ceremonies as provided by law in proof of possession, which I gave him of said lands, which reach on the north to in front of a house of Lazaro Trujillo, on this side of the river; on the south by said arroyo, blue stones, and cottonwood tree on the said river of Cuyamungue; on the east some hills and the road that leads to the pueblo of San Francisco de Nambe on the west and forests on the other side of the Cuyamengue River; all of which was done and executed, and he took the royal possession thereof quietly and peaceably, without any molestation; and in testimony whereof I sign this with the undersigned attending witnesses, date as above.

DOMINGO MESTAS VIGIL,  
*Special Justice.*

Attending witness: BARTOLOME TRUJILLO.

Attending witness: FRANCO. BALDEZ.

The above and foregoing is a correct translation made by me of the muniment of the Cuyamengue grant, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SAM'L ELLISON.

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO, *August 10, 1871.*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this August 10, 1871.

T. RUSH SPENCER,  
*Surveyor-General.*

33 SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

TRANSLATOR'S DEPARTMENT,

*Santa Fe, New Mexico, Aug. 31, 1871.*

The foregoing translation having been by me compared with its original in Spanish, and found correct, the same is hereby adopted.

DAV. J. MILLER,  
*Translator.*

Bernardino de Sena et al., Cuyamengue tract.

JOSE RAFAEL MESTAS, being by the surveyor-general duly sworn, on his oath decrees:

Question. What is your name, age, residence, and have you any interest in the private land claim now here pending for the tract of land

situated in Santa Fe County, New Mexico, purporting to have been granted in the year 1731 to Bernardino de Sena, Tomas de Sena, and Luis Lopez by the Spanish Government?

Answer. My name is Jose Rafael Mestas; my age is sixty years; I reside at the town of Pohuaque in this county, and have no interest in the tract of land refer'd to.

Q. Do you know the tract of land referred to of Cuyamengue? If so, state how long you have known it, what are its boundaries, whether it is settled upon and cultivated; and if so, how long, and by whom.

A. I know the land known as the Cuyamengue tract, and have known it all my life, having been born upon the place. Of the boundaries, I do not know that on the north, but that on the east I have always understood to be where there stands a landmark of stone in the prairie, said to be the dividing line between this grant and that of the Tesuque Indian pueblo, on the south the arroya de Tio Luis, and on the west the hills and woods just beyond the Cuyamengue Creek. The land has always, since I have known it, been occupied and cultivated, and is now occupied and cultivated. There are now residing upon and cultivating the land Juan Cristoval Romero, John W. Conway, and various other persons renting land.

his  
JOSE RAFAEL MESTAS.  
mark.

34 Witness: DAV. J. MILLER.

Sworn to and subscribed by said Mestas before me this September 25, 1871.

T. RUSH SPENCER,  
*Surveyor-General.*

JOSE LIONICIO JEMENEZ, being sworn by the surveyor-general, on his oath declares:

Question. What is your name, age, and place of residence, and have you any interest in the land claim now here pending claimed under an alleged land grant, here present, purporting to have be'n made in the year 1731 by the Spanish Government to Bernardino de Sena, Tomas de Sena, and Luis Lopez for a tract of land in the county of Santa Fe, known as the Cuyamengue tract.

Answer. My name is Jose Lionicio Kemenez; my age is forty-one years; I reside at the town of Tesuque in Santa Fe County, and I have no interest in the tract of land referred to.

Q. Do you know the boundaries and extent of the tract in question, whether it has been and is occupied and cultivated, and by whom? If so, state what you know in the premises.

A. I know the tract in question and its boundaries and extent from having often heard them stated by my father and grandmother and others, and from having all my life known the land. The boundary on the north I thus understood to be a rocky hill; on the east a large stone mound erected on the side of the Nambe Road, on the south the land of the Indians of the pueblo of Tesuque, and on the west the top of the dividing ridge between the Cuyamengue and Del Norte rivers. The extent of the grants I calculate, from east to west, about ten and from

north to south about two and a half miles. The land has always been occupied and cultivated since I have known it, formerly by Vicente Valdez and his brothers and Felipe Sena, and is now occupied and cultivated by Juan Cristobal Romero, John W. Conway, and others.

JOSE LIONICIO JEMENEZ.  
*his  
mark.*

35 Witness: DAV. J. MILLER.

Sworn to and subscribed by said Jemenez before me this September 25, 1871.

T. RUSH SPENCER,  
*Surveyor-General.*

Bernardino de Sena et al. Cuyamengue tract.

This case was filed in this office August 11, and at the request of the present claimants of the land was set for trial for September 25, 1871.

The title papers are comprised in one document, being the original muniments in the grant consisting of—

1. The petition of Bernardino de Sena, Tomas de Sena, and Luis Lopez to the governor and captain-general of the province of New Mexico, praying for a grant to a piece of the royal domain at the abandoned Indian pueblo of Cuyamengue for the raising of horses and other live stock.

2. The decree of the governor and captain-general, Juan Domingo de Bustamante, dated at Santa Fe, January 2, 1731, granting to the petitioners the land prayed for by them and directing the chief alcalde of Santa Cruz to summon the Indians of the pueblo of Tesuque and other adjoining occupants of the soil, and ascertain from them whether the making of this grant would injuriously affect any of them, and, if not, then to place the grantees in formal possession of the land.

3. The act of possession executed by the lieutenant chief alcalde of Santa Cruz, dated at the pueblo of Tesuque January 22, 1731, certifying that he had duly summoned the people and authorities of that pueblo and other adjoining settlers, and ascertained from them that no injury would result to any of them from making the grant, and that thereupon he duly placed the grantee, Bernardino de Sena, in possession, stating the boundaries of the land, as on the north to in front of the house of Lazaro Trujillo; on the south the thereinbefore described arroyo, blue stones and cottonwood tree; on the east the hills of the Nambe public road; and on the west some hills and a wood beyond the Cuyamengue River.

The signature to the granting decree, purporting to be Gover'or and Captain-General Bustamante's signature, has been compared with others of his found among the old Spanish archives of this office and is believed to be genuine.

The tract of land in question, known as the Cuyamengue grant, is situated within the present county of Santa Fe, and embraces, according to the petition and plot presented to the surveyor-general of the claimants, of about five thousand (5,000) acres of land.

The ancient Indian pueblo of Cuyamengue referred to in this grant is known to be extinct. The governor and captain-general, in his granting decree, and the officer executing the same alike ignored the existence of any such pueblo when notifying the adjoining settlers to make objection, if any they had, why the land at the abandoned "pueblo of Cuyamengue" should not be granted the applicants therefor. There is no evidence on file in this office that the pueblo ever held a grant for land; indeed, there is none that it ever existed, except in the form of incidental reference occasionally met among the old archives.

At the time of the making of the grant the record shows there was no objection interposed thereto, though formal opportunity was offered parties interested for making known any they might have had. At the investigation before the surveyor-general no objection was made to his approval of the concession, and the testimony then presented shows the present claimants to have been and to be in quiet and peaceable possession of the land, and to have occupied and cultivated the same for at least the last half century.

The land in this case was applied for to the governor and captain-general by Bernardino de Sena, Tomas de Sena, and Luis Lopez and was by him granted to them in equal interest, and the chief alcalde was authorized and directed to place them in possession. There appears no subsequent change or modification in the application or in the granting decree, wherefore it is deemed reasonable to conclude in order to account in a rational way for the alcalde's ignoring the grantees, Tomas de Sena and Luis Lopez, in

his record of the execution of the grant, that in that act he held as  
37 sufficient the presence of the principal of the grantees, Bernardino  
de Sena, and accepted and dealt with him as the representative of  
his two associates and thereby intended to legally place, and did so place,  
the three grantees equally in possession of the land, this manner of instating  
a community of grantees being as it was usage and custom.

The grant in this case is deemed and held by this office to be a good and valid one under the Spanish and Mexican laws, usages, and customs, and the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo and is hereby approved and recommended for confirmation to the legal representatives of Bernardino de Sena, Tomas de Sena, and Luis Lopez, with the limits and boundaries stated in the act of possession therein, and a transcript of all the papers in the claim is herewith transmitted to the Congress of the United States for its consideration and action in the premises.

T. RUSH SPENCER,  
*Surveyor-General.*

SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
*Santa Fe, New Mexico, November 15, 1871.*

SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
*Santa Fe, New Mexico, Dec. 11, 1871.*

The for'going transcript is a correct copy of all the papers in private land claim No. 54, in the name of Bernardino de Sena et al., on file in this office.

T. RUSH SPENCER,  
*Surveyor-General.*

(Here follow maps marked 38 and 39.)

(Año de 1695.) No. 340.

Autos que se han fulminado de la na. poblacion y villa fundada denominada La Exaltazn. de la Cruz de los Mexnos. del Rey y Sr. Don Carlos Segundo, puesta y conseguida al desvelo del Sr. Governdo, y Captn. Genl. de este Reyno de la N'eva Mexico, su nuevo restaurador y conquistador á su costa y reconquistador Don Diego de Vargas Zapata Lujan Ponce de Leon, y se remitio testimonio de dhos. autos al Exmo. Virrey, Conde de Galve, en once de Mayo de dicho año de 1695.

41 Dn. Diego de Vargas Zapata Lujan Ponce de Leon, Govdor. y Capn. Genl. de este Reyno y Provincias de la N'eva Mexico, su nuevo restaurador y conqdr., á su costa reconqdr. y poblador en el y Castellan de sus fuerzas y presidios por su Magd., &c.:

Siendo el tiempo forzoso de dar asiento fixo á las fams. que de quenta de su Magd. el Rey N. Sr. y que Dios gde., y en su Rl. nombre el Exmo. Sr. Virrey Conde de Galve que lo es actual de todo el Reyno de la Neuba España, su Govor. y Capn. Genl. y Presidente de la Rl. audiencia y corte de la ciud. de Mexico y de todo este nuevo mundo y con acuerdo de la Rl. Junta y Señores Ministros de ella, tiene echa la dha. remision como la demas que entre el dho. Govor. y Capn. Genl. en este Reyno que una y otra se halla existente en esta dha. villa y asi mismo se espera entre otro nuevo trozo y ramo de vecindad y para darla desde luego su asiento fixo para su poblazn., tierras para hacer sus sementeras, pastos, montes y aguas abrevaderas exidos y potreros para que puedan tener en el todo lo que necesitan para la cría de sus ganados mayores y menores de todas especies y calidades, y havido. reconocido y siendo de la Rl. voluntad el dejarme la disposicion en el todo unimoda y pribatibamte. para su asiento y poblazn. fixa en este dh. Rno. de dha. vecindad y que esta la señale en las partes que reconociere por conbeniente á su Rl. serbicio fixesa permanencia, seguridad, comodidad y utilidad procurando buscarsela en tierras distintas y separadas si posible fuese de los naturales de las naciones y pueblos de este dho. Rno. y distrito de esta dha. villa para obiar el que no tengan estando rebueltos con los Españoles molestia ni reciban vejacion ni agrabio sino antes vien estando separados esten los unos y los otros con toda quietud q. de ella se siga la tranquilidad y concordia de dhos. naturales con dhos. Españoles de suerte que se porten y abengan con buena correspondencia amistosamente aragandose en ellos Nra. Sta. Fée en los reales de firmesa y con la esperanza con el tiempo á su exemplar las naciones confinantes bárbaras y pentalicas se reduzcan y en dha. atenzn. y audio. la puesto yo dho. Govor. y Capn. Genl. en dar el devido cumplimiento á dha. Rl. voluntad y que tanto me la ha encargado y repetido en su Rl. nombre dho. Sr. Exmo. Virrey he hecho las diligencias no solo havido. cursado y pasado y estado experimentando. y reconocido las entradas salidas dereseras rumbos distancias unicamte. y Genl. de todo este dho. Rno. y mas á una parte de la tierra de la nacion de las Yutas havido. entrado con campo y exército de las Rls. armas de su Magd. que son de mi cargo pr. el ultimo pueblo y nazn. de los 42 Taos de este dho. rno. y salido por la boca del río de Tzama al Pueblo de San Juan de los Caballeros á distancia de la dha. villa

de diez leguas y siendo dho. reconozimto. echo como dho. es per mi dho. govor. y capn. genl. he hallado que el asiento y poblazion se deve haser de la dha. vezindad y del ramo dho. que está de proximo para entrar en tierras meramte. de los Espanoles que desampararon y dejaron desde la sublevazn. genl. del mes de Agosto del año de ochenta de este dho. rno. en los parajes y aciendas que salen desde esta dha. villa de Sta. Fée para el Pueblo de Yesque y las que corren desde los Pueblos de San Ildephonso y Sta. Clara de la otra vanda del rio de el Norte y de esta desde las que corren y se hallen desde delante de la mesa de Sn. Ildephonso para el camino que ba á dho. Pno. de San Juan de los Caballeros y las que corren para los pueblos poblados en dhas. haziendas y son de Sn. Lázaro y Sn. Xptobal y las que salen de este y corren pr. el camino rl. que ba á Pieuries cañada que llaman de la hazda. de Moraga y estaneias de los Capitanes Luis Martin y Juan Luis delante y en el paraje y pago que llaman de Simayo y para que las reconosca mi lugar tente. genl. de govor. y capn. genl. que lo es el Mre. de Campo Luis Granillo le doy orden passa con el Sargto. Juan Ruiz de Cazeres por ser lengua de dha. hazn. de los Teguas y para la de los dhos. dos Pueblos de Thanos de Sn. Lázaro y San Xptobal pase Matias Lujan. su alcalde mor. por ser tambien lengua y reconosca en primer lugar en las suso dhas. hazdas. y puestos con distincion haciendo un mapa denominando el nombre de los lugares y el del dueño que fué y tubo de cada hazda. y segun la calidad de tierras de su distancia reconosca por si y confiera con los dhos. que número de vezinos se podrán poblar dandoles tierras para que cultiven y siembren con comodidad los unos y los otros sin embarasarse y con Albertencia de que los pastos de sus sitios y terminios de cada una de dhas. hazdas. sean comunes y no por individuos y los coma el ganado que cada uno tubiere en mas o menos cantidad y solo siendo iguales en posible de el puedan compareser á pedir no tener mas cavesas el uno que el otro y de esta suerte hara la dha. demareazn. mapa computo y regulacion y por lo que mira á los dhos. dos Pueblos de Sn. Lázaro y Sn. Xptobal hallandose haverse poblado en haziendas y tierras que fueron y son meramte. y pertenezen señaladamte. pertenezian y pertenecieron á los suso dhos. vezinos españoles que por causa de la suso dha. y referida sublevazn. genl. de codo este dho. rno. en el año y mes de Agosto de ochenta dho. las desampararon y dejaron pr. librar y escapar sus vidas en medio de que dejaron en ellas sus hazdas. ajuar ropa y alajas de casa 43 semillas sementeras y ganados perdidos aprobechandose de todo los dhos. rebeldes alzados y en atenzn. de que estos dhos. que se hallan poblados de dha. nazn. Thana dejaron con ocasion de la mejora y fertilidad de tierras y para mr. seguridad de sus vidas sus pueblos por venir asi mismo juntamte. en compagnia de los de la dha. nazn. de Teguas que es tan corta distancia se hallavan poblados y ellos mediante la dha. ocasion de lograr la mejoria de las dhas. tierras hallandoselo todo hecho se poblaron lod de San Xptobal desde luego en ellas y los de Sn. Lazaro siendo muchas las que tienen las leguas del pueblo dho. de San Juan de los Cavalleros y ser corte el numero de su Jentio de ambos y siendo frontera como lo es y entrada de los Apaches enemigos como de la nazn. de los Yutas tubieron a bien el admitirles y darles consentimto. con voluntad genl. de todos de que se poblasen como con efecto se poblaron y estubieron poblados en dho. Pueblo de Sn. Juan cuyo cuartel y casas de su vibienda se halla el dia de

hoy desocupado y en vie por haverse de pocos años desta parte pasado á poblar á las tierras y hazdas, que fueron y son de los dhos. Espanoles donde al preste, y se hallan viven y estan poblados y pr. quanto conferi con los dhos. gobernadores do dhos. dos pueblos las dhas. razones espresadas y rl. voluntad y no teniendo yo, dho. gover. y capn. genl. por fixa la dha. notizia y poblazn. que tenien en pie los dhos. naturales del Pueblo de Sn. Lázaro en el dho. de Sn. Juan le habia concedido y señalado á su Gover. Dn. Xptobal Yope el puesto de Yunque para pasarse el hibierno que viene dejandole el permiso y consentimto. de que pudiese sembrar este año en dhas. tierras y siendo y teniendo donde poder pasarse luego con dha. su jente que se compone de diez y seis fams. y en todas ellas el numero de ciento y cincuenta y cinco personas segun me tiene dho. tiene empradonadas y constará de su padron el Revdo. Pe. Por. Frai Antonio Obregon su Pe. Ministro y Doctrino. y Guardian de dho. su conuento mando por este al dho. mi lugar thente. genl. con el dho. su Alcalde Mr. Matias Lujan e interprete nombrado les diga e insinue á dhos. naturales y dho. su Govor. Dn. Xptobal Yope se passen á poblar en dho. su cuartel que tienen en el dho. Puo. de Sn. Juan dejaron y tubieron en el aun mas las tierras que les dieron y repartieron sus naturales y le doi al dho. mi lugar tente. genl. orden para si nezasario fuere su fabor y autoridad pase á dho. Pueblo de Sn. Juan con dho. Govr. Dn. Xptobal Yope y capitanes de la guerra y juntos los dhos. gobernadores y capitanes de la guerra de dhos. dos pueblos en la plaza les diga el dho. mi orden en virtud de la dha. rl. voluntad y esta hallarse tan justificada y legitimada de los dhos. Espanoles para determinarla no siendo ynjusticia ni tirania el mandarles dejar las dhas. tierras y pueblo fundado en ellas y en dho. su sitio quando tienen y se hallen casa

44 segura donde pasarse en el quartel que les perteneze pr. suyo en dho. Pueblo de Sn. Juan y mas tener en el tierras bastantes de Riego y de temporal que estas las tienen conozidas y no es bien que á los dhos. Espanoles se les haga la ynjusticia y agrabio deteniendo sus tierras seguras conozidas para mediante la voluntad divina prometerse por lo fertil de ellas crezidos frutos para mantenerse y asegurar su sustento sin experimentar en tierras no conozidas el riesgo de careser y faltarles sus bastimentos. que estos no se hallan aun con muche costo asegurados entre dhos. naturales sino con la mengua y escasez de sus animos faltandoles la razon de de medida y tanto de su lexmo. precio de su valor y lo otro aresgar a que este de nueblo lo padeciese la rl. corona y tambien el trabajo de romper para un año tierras silbestres y no conozidas por todo lo qual debo yo, dho. gover. y capn. genl., atender y mirar a tan lexmas. causas como a la de proxima entrada del suso dho. trozo y ramo de dha. jente y vecindad en el tiempo ya para hacer dha. sementera y no tenerle para romper tierras ni menos para disposicion de su alvergue y teniendole seguro en las dhas. sus tierras y sitios como la seguridad de hallarse con sus asequias seguras y rompidas no cabe en mi darles permiso a dhos. naturales de Sn. Lazaro para que este año las labren y siembren sino que desdo luego asi ellos como dho. Pueblo lo dejen desembarazado pasandose al dho. su quartel y casas de su vibienda en el dho. Pueblo de Sn. Juan y en dhas. sus tierras asi mismo hagan sus sementeras y las dara de termino para mudarse sin descomponer ni deshazer las casas de dho. pueblo hasta la luna que entra del mes que viene y las pondra en en dha. con-

ziderazn. haver gozado tantos años de haver sembrado las dhas. tierras para no deberseles nada pr. razon del pueblo que dejan. Y tocante a los del Pueblo de Sn. Xptobal pasara mi dho. lugar thente. yendo en su compaňia el dho. su alcalde mr. e ynterprete Matias Lujan y las dira a dho. govr. y capitanes de la guerra que pasen al dho. paraje de Simayo donde me pidieron el permiso para poderse poblar que les cumplire y guardare la palabra que les di en el todo y si se reconociere poder desde luego hazer sus sementeras en dha. tierra que pidieron y señalaron se les mandara con vista de ojos reconbenirles que yo les di el dho. permiso y palabra en su posesn. de no tener disposicion las dhas. tierras y nesesitar de tiempo para tenerla y ponerlas en el corriente desembrollarlas pero que hallandose tenerle fazilmte. que los mandaba y haria la dha. mrd. debajo de la calidad de pasarse luego a la posesion asentando su poblazn.  
 45 y haciendo sus sementeras en dho. sitio y les dara de termino para salirse y mudarse de dho. su pueblo asi mismo hasta la luna del mes que viene pues tenian tiempo bastante para ello y los dhos. vznos. españoles que han representado y les tengo echo mrd. pr. razon de alegar ser sus sitios y tierras en dho. puesto de Simayo pasen con dho. mi lugar thente. pa. qe. con asistencia de dho. govr. y naturales de dho. pue. de Sn. Xptobal el reconozimto. del sitio que me tienen pedido y tierras que les tengo concedidas q. son des. dho. pueblo para delante y ningunas para hacia el que dejan y camino que viene al dho. puo. de Sn. Xptobal pues con esta expesificazn. les hize la dha. mrd. y a los dhos. españoles advierto mando y ordeno al dho. mi lugar tente. no tengen con dhos. naturales contradizion pues prefiere mi palabra y importancia de el dho. pacto a la de la mrd. que les tengo echa pues eqn. le fuere incierta pr. ser echa debajo de la tierra señalada a los dhos. naturales y govr. del dho. puo. de Sn. Xptobal y asi se les remunerare en otra parte y lugar de tanta estimazn. y a dhos. naturales les hara saber el dho. orden y mandara lo guarden cumplan y executen debajo del termino dho. segun las causas de justificazn. referidas y las que tubieren ellos q. representar me comparecan viniendo ante mi dho. govr. y capn. genl. á esta villa a darmelas y desirles que los oyre de palabra o por escrito dandole por mano del dho. su alcalde mr. e ynterprete Matias Lujan y para qe. conste de este dho. orden al dho. mi lugar tente. y para su execuzn. luego le provey firme con mi secreto. de govn. y gua. que esfecho en esta villa de Sta. Fe en diez y ocho dias de el mes de Marzo de este presente año de mill seis cientos noventa y cinco a qn. pr. mi mandado se le entrega original para que lo buelva con la relacion de la execuzn. de su cumplimto. fecho vt supra.

D. DIEGO DE VARGAS ZAPATA LUJAN PONCE DE LEON. [Rúbrica.]  
 Ante mi :

ALPHONSSO RAEEL. DE AGUILAR, [Rúbrica.]  
*Seco. de Gon. y Gua.*

En esta villa de Sta. Fe, en veyente dias del mes de Marzo de mill seis cientos noventa y cinco años, y el Mrl. de Campo Luis Granillo, Thente. de Govr. y Capn. Genl. de este Reyno de la Nueva Mexico., en cumplimto. y obedezimto. del orden y mandamto. de la vuelta del Sor.

Govr. y Capn. Genl. de este dho. Reyno, que lo es el Sr. Dn. Diego de Vargas Zapata Lujan Ponse de Leon, restauror, conqor. y castellano de sus fuerzas y presidios de el por su Magd., sali desde dha. villa en compania de el Sargto. Ju. Ruiz de Casares y a distancia de dos leguas largas de ella antes de llegar al pmo. de Tesuque de los Teguas esta la Hazda. q. vide arruinada q. fue del Mrl. de Campo Franeo. Gomez en la qual solo tiene tierras de labor para un poblador por ser corto el riego y alcanza como terreno montuoso y el ganado de la cortedad del posible de un solo dueño y passe saliendo del dho. pmo. de Tesuque vía recta a San Lazaro que es el Pmo. contenido de dho. mandamto. y para dar su debido cumplimto. hize juntar a su Govr. y Casique Dn. Xptobal Yope a los viejos y principales y los mas de los naturales de dho. pmo. de nazn. Thana y con asistencia de su alcalde mayr. q. es lengua el suso dho. Sargto. Ju. Ruiz por serlo tamvien hizo oficio de ynterprete y le ley dho. mandamto. para q. en dha. su lengua Thana de berbo ad berbum como lo hizo se lo diese a entender y todos respondieron q. obedeserian segun me tenian pedido y hecho Merzd. del sitio para poblar de nuevo en el paraje y fin de la cañada q. dicen de Zimayo junto a la cierra y para su reconozimto. y executar el orden referido en dho. mandamto. les mande el dia de mañana fuessen en mi compa. para haser la vista de ojos y mas se le avisase asi mismo como ynteresado y hallarse ynmediato al Govr. de Sn. Xptobal, principales y naturales de el y para que conste de lo referido lo puse por diligencia y firme fecho vt supra.

LUIS GRANILLO. [Rúbrica.]

- 47 Pasa dho. thete. genl. con los gobernadores de los puos., que se refieren el reconocimto. del sitio señalado de Zimayo, de que les tiene hecho merced dho. Sr. Govr. y Capn. Genl. de este Rno. para su Pmo.

En veinte y un días del preste. mes de Marzo de la la feha. y año, yo, dho. thte. de Governr. y Captn. Genl.. sali de este dho. pmo. de San Lazaro con los dhos. Alcalde Mayr. y Sargto. y asi mismo dho. su Governr. y Yndios mandones y los mas de los naturales como asi mismo los del pmo. de San Xptobal con su Govr. yendo juntame. con ellos y con migos dho. The. Generl., su ministro doctrino q. lo es Fr. Antonio Obregon, y a distancia de dos leguas largas haviendo ydo por la cañada y pasado un arroyo riachuelo pequeño que baja de dha. sierra y alinda con la hacienda del Capn. Ju. Luis Rio Arriva y haviendo andado poco mas al parecer de media legua se halla una ruina sobre mano yzquierda los dhos. Yndios gobernadores y casiques me señalaron ser el puesto de llano q. ay junto a dha. ruina, el qual es una cañada ancha y capaz para formar dho. su pmo. con bastantes tierras para riego por gosar de los arroyos y riachuelos que bajan de dha. sierra y reconoci juntame. la saca del agua y pressa y me señalaron dhos. Yndios y ser el dho. riachuelo de rraudal de agua bastante y permanente y bolbiendo a dho. llano los dhos. Yndios bolvieron a repetir y deslindar ser el suso dho. puesto, el que a dho. Govr. y Capn. Genl. le havian pedido y les havia otorgado y concedido la dha. merzd. y fizieron la traza para la dha. fundacion diziendo ser el mismo de sesenta y ocho casas para q. pudiesen avitar la jente de los dhos. dos puos. y agragandose los Yndios Thanos y mugeres cautivas q. escaparon de la

villa de Santa Fe en caso de ser su voluntad de venir con ellos las admirian y recibirian dandoles y señalandoles dhas. tierras quedando gustosos de haver reconocido y visto con dha. atencion el dho. sitio y puesto para la planta y asiento de dho. su pueblo y para q. conste lo puse por diligencia y firme fha. vt supra.

LUIS GRANILLO. [Rúbrica.]

- 48 Sale dho. Thte. Genl. por la cañada pa. hacia los. puo. de Sn. Ju. y pasa a la otra banda del Rio del Norte a dormir a Sta. Clara.

Y luego incontinente en dho. dia mes y año, yo, dho. Lugar Thete. Genl., tome la vuelta y deresera por cumplir con el thenor del mandamto. y orden referido saliendoa recono cimto. de las hazdas. q. se hallavan pobladas y ranchos q. decian de la Cañada de Los Vezos. q. se hallavan antes de la sublevacion genl. de este Rno. y a distancia de media legua y al lindero de dha. hazda. del. Capn. Ju. Luis q. tiene el puesto suso dho. de la dha. merzd. de dhos. Yndios esta reconoci y halle la estancia q. hera de los Martines cuyas ruinas estan de las paderes vivas y en ella vivian pobladas con sus ranchos zineo Vezos. con sus familias por tener tierras bastantes y pastos hazia el norte y haviendo andado por dho. rumbo como tres quartas de leguas halle la deresera sobre mano izquierda el susso dho. puo. de Sn. Lazaro y pasande el Rio del Norte sobre mano derecha halle y vide la hezda. q. fue de Miguel Lujan cuyas de dhas. casas se mantienen y en ella solo vivio el dho. con su familia por tener tierras solo de labor y riego bastante para una familia y los pastos en la cortedad del ganado q. hubiere de todo genero y delinda asi mismo con esta hazda. otra fuerte y labor de tierras q. sembrava Marcos de Herrera, cuya familia tenia en otra hacienda mas abajo y dha. labor tendra casi la misma tierra q. la antezedente y dha. y a esta se sigue otra suerte y labor de tierras q. fue de Nicolas de la Cruz, cuya casa se mantiene en pie de dha. su viuda y siendo solo las tierras las nezzearias para mantener la dha. su familia y los pastos en dha. calidad y a esta se sigue la labor q. fue de Melchor de Archuleta, cuya ruina de su casa solo ay y se reconoce siendo casi las mismas tierras para una familia y en dha. firma los dhos. pastos, y se siguen en dha. tabla y y vega otra hazda. que fue de Ju. Griego q. asta es mayor suerte de tierra q. ninguna de las dhas. por tener mucho sitio y asi podran vivir en el dos familias dividiendoles la dha. tierra de labor y los pastos por ambos y asi mismo se sigue otra hazda. q. fue de Sevan. Gonzales y y poseye el Capn. Alonso del Rio y en esta tenian parte otros dos de suerte q. eaven y se pueden poblar en dho. sitio tres familias y ser sus tierras de mayor calidad ; y se sigue la hazda. que fue de Franco. Xavier arruynadas las casas y en pie un torreoneillo y aun que el la vivio solo tiene el sitio tierras para dos familias muy sobradamente. Y a esta se

- 49 sigue la de Pedro de la Cruz, de cuya casa se halla en ser un aposento y tiene tierras solo para un vezno. con su familia. Y haviendose acavado de dar vista yo, dho. thete. genl., a las dichas hazdas. expresadas passe a la otra parte del arroyo q. se halla en el medio de ellas y baja dha. Cañada y se halla el Rio del Norte sobre mano derecha y reconoci las hazdas. siguientes: Primte. se halla inmediata a dho. arroyo la hazda. q. fue de Bare. Monttya y solo se reconoce las ruynas de la casa en q. vivio y solo tambien tiene tierras para un vezno. con su familia y asi mismo se halla adjunta otra hazda. q. fue de Diego Lopez y se mantiene

un torreon q. tenia junto a dha. casa siendo sus tierras tan solamente pa. un vezino con su familia y se sigue otra hazda. q. fue de Marcos de Herrera y dha. hazda. solo tiene tierra para un vezno. con su familia, cuya casa por estar inmediata a este dho. arroyo o riachuelo se la llevo en un creciente grande q. trajo. y se sigue otra suerte de tierras de labor q. tenia y pertenezia el comut. del puo. de Sta. Clara. Y a esta se sigue la hazda. que fue del Mr. de Campo Franco Gomez y solo la señal de los zimytos. de la casa q. tubo se reconocen y solo puede sobradamente. vivir en ella un vezno. con su familia. Y se sigue la hazda. q. de Ambrosio Saez, en cuya parte de sus casas se hallan aberse rancheado como lo estubieron el año pasado de mill seis cientos y noventa y quattro parte de los Yndios Theguas reveldes del pueblo de Tezuque por gosar de sembrar las dhas. cierras y por dha. razon se hallan viviendas buenas y en esta dha. hacienda se pueden poblar dos otros vezos. a su pareser otros vezos. a su pareser con sus familias. Y asi mismo se halla en dha. vega en el medio la hacienda donde estubo poblado Augn. Romero en el tiempo de la semen- tera por tener su labor en dho. sitio donde puede vivir muy bien un vezo con su familia y asi mismo bajando a la frente del Rio del Norte y mesa de Sn. Ildephonso, cuya ruina de dha. casa se reconoce y solo su tierra es la suficiente para un vezo. con su familia y son dhas. hazdas. las q. se hallan como dho. es desde dha. boca de la Cañada segun se refieren con sus dueños q. en ellas vivieron y estubieron pobladas y me retire yo, dho. the. genl. con dho. Sargto. Ju. Ruiz, q. asisto juntamente conmigo al dho. reconozimto. y conoze los dhos. puestos por haver vivido siempre inme- diato de ellos y haberse criado y ser hecha dha. relacion zierta y segura y para q. conste lo pusse por diligencia q. firme pasando a dormir al puo. de Sta. Clara fecha vt supra.

LUIS GRANILLO. [Rúbrica.]

50 Llega. a la villa de Sta. Fe de dho. Thte. Genl. donde en ell debuelbe el mandamto. a dho. Govr. y Capn. Genl. con las dili- gencias fhas. su cumplimto.

En veyte. y tres dias del preste. mes de la fha. y año. yo. dho. lugar theyte. generl. haviendo llegdo. a esta villa de Santa Fe di quenta de las diligencias antezedentes a dho. Govr. y Capn. Genl. de este dho. Rno. el Sr. Dn. Diego de Vargas Zapata Lujan Ponse de Leon y originales en su mano con su mandamto. y orden de su Señoria se las dejé y entregue y para q. conste lo firme con el dho. Govr. y Capn. Genl. y con asistencia. de su Seero. de Gono. y Guerra.

DIEGO DE VARGAS ZAPATA LUJAN PONZE DE LEON. [Rúbrica.]  
LUIS GRANILLO. [Rúbrica.]

Ante mi:

ALPHONSSO RAEL. DE AGUILAR. [Rúbrica.]  
Seero. de Goro. y Gura.

51 Petizn. de la nazn. Thana de los puos. de Sn. Lazaro y San Christobal.

SOR. GOVR. y CAPN. GENL.:

Los gobernadores de los pueblos de Sn. Lazaro y Sn. Xptobal de nazion Tanos por si y en nombre de la vecindad de dhos. pueblos ante

Vs., parecemos en la mejor forma que ayga lugar en dry. y decimos que Vs. fue servido de mandarnos mudar de los dhos. pueblos para polarlos de Espanoles, y nosotros suplicamos a Vs. nos diese lugar a poder sembrar en las dhas. tierras que en ellos ay abiertas este año baliendonos asi mismo de sus zequias q. lo estan y q. alsada que fuese la cosecha desembara- cariamos dhos. para q. Vs. los poblase a su voluntad. La qual suplica fue Vs. servido concedernos y con ella nos hallabamos gustosos, y oy ha llegado a nra. noticia esta Vs. en animo de mandarnos ir a poblar y sembrar luego a otra parte atentos a lo qual ponemos en la consideracion de Vs. los travajos en que al preste. nos hallamos, pues no tenemos (como es notorio) ningun maiz que es todo nuro. alimento y ya no solamente. lo hallamos sino q. para mantenernos hasta aora nos hemos desecho de nra. ropa malbaratandola y tambien por tener semilla para sembrar este año y que donde quiera que intentemos ir a poblar y sembrar es necesario ocuparse todo el tiempo la gente de dhos. dos pueblos en abrir las tierras y zequias; cosa imposible pr. este año a respecto de no tener con que mantenernos y haverlo de salirle a buscar con lo qual no se remedia el daño preste. ni el futuro eminente y atentos a todo lo referido puestos a los pies de Vs. con el rendimto. devido le suplicamos y pedimos se sirva de atendar a nra. necesidad y el remedio de ella que estriba solo en mantener Vs. su palabra y se sirva de darnos de que este año sembrariamos en estos pueblos. Pues de nra. pte. estamos promptos a luego q. se coja las cosechas desembarazarlos en que esperamos recibir de la poderosa mano de Vs. todo favor y merced como lo hemos experimentado en cosas de su mayor entidad que es justa. q. asi mismo pedimos y para ello, &c.

#### LOS GOVORES. TANOS DE SN. LAZARO Y SN. CHRISTOBAL.

- 52 Presentazn. de la peton. de arriba por los Capns. de la guerra por si y en nombre de la naz. Thana de los Puos. de Sn. Lazaro y San Christobal.

En esta villa de Sta. Fe, en veyte. dias del mes de Marzo de mill seis cientos noventa y cinco años, ante mi, Dn. Diego Vargas Zapata Lujan Ponce de Leon, Govr. y Capn. Genl. dese Reno. y Provinceias de la Nue. Mexico., su nuevo restaurador, conqueror. a su costa y reconquer. y poblador y castellano de sus fuerzas y presidios por su Magd., &a.

Auto: La presenteron los capitanes de la guerra de los naturales de la nazn. Thana de los dhos. pueblos de Sn. Lazaro y San Xptobal. y por quanto tengo dada la orden a mi lugar thte. genl. mando se guarde cumpla y execute pues solo podra dispensar el que los Indios del primero puo. de Sn. Lazaro de no ser su voluntad de venirse y incorporarse con los de el puo. de Sn. Juan de los Caballeros donde vinieron primero y dejaron su quartel o de bolverse a su puo. antiguo q. dejaron y tenian y tubieron antes de la sublezn. genl. de este reyno el año de ochenta y despues de ella vivieron ms. aña. q. se estrechen y acomoden a vivir juntos en dho. puo. segundo de Sn. Xtobal. y asi mismo en sus tierras hagan sus sementeras extendiendose hasta la dha. cañada de Zimayo y hazda. de Moraga donde el año pasado por razon de su segundo alsamto. lo hicieron y tubieron sus milpas y no ay razon para q. teniendo tierras propias conocidos los españoles q. subsistan y se esperan entren de afuera para

ampliar la poblacion asegurando con ella la restaurazion y reconqta. de este dho. Reyno lo uno se arriesgue a q. su Magd. el Rey nro. Sr. (q. Dios gue.) no logre su real deseo y lo otro pierda el pasto echo para ello de su real haber no dandoleis tierras dispuestas y conocidas para asegurar sus sementeras y con ellas su conservaen. razones para no poder de su parte dejar a dho. acidente expuesta emprisia de tal magnitud y mas me deve hazer fuerza dificultandola los dhos. naturales el no tener las dhas. tierras en corrente. y asi la grasia permitida y tolerada de dejarles la mitad pertenecientes asi mismo con el otro pvo. dho. de Sn. Xptobal. es y deve ser para ellos reconocida de estimacion y fineza con q. se atiende a su alivio y para que conste deste dho. auto se ponge con el pedimento de dhos. naturales del proveydo en los autos y diligencias q. en virtud de dho. mandaymto. dho. mi lugar thete. de Govr. y Capn. Genl. trasfiere fhas. y se le participe su exen. y para en todo tiempo dar la resoluon. q. el tiempo pide y le firm een esta dha. Va. con mi seorio. de gon. y gua. en dho. dia fha. vt supra.

DIEGO DE VARGAS ZAPATA LUJAN PONCE DE LEON. [Rúbrica.]

53 Ante mi :

ALPHONSSO RAEI. DE AGLR., [Rúbrica.]  
*Secri. de Goren. y Guerra.*

Sr. Govr. y Capn. Genl. deste Reyno de la Nueba Mexeo. Los pueblos de Sn. Lazo. y Sn. Christobal de nacion Thanos.

54 Vando incluso en el la merzd. con que se señala á las famas. de los Mexnos. españoles y se les señala con titulo de Villa Nueba de Sta. Cruz, &a., segn. se refiere y calida de como causas que se expresan para su execuzn.

Don Diego de Vargas Zapata Lujan Ponze de Leon, Gover. y Capn. Genl. de este Rno. y provas. de la na. Mexeo., su nuevo restaurador conqdor. á su costa reconqdor. y poblador en el castellano de sus fuerzas y presos. por Su Magd., &a.

Haudo. los Indios Thanos del pueblo de San Lazaro en virtud de mi mandamto. y orden en el expresado despachado para su execuzn. y cometido su devido cumplimto; en vte. de Marzo pasado de este preste. año de la fecha á mi lugar thente. de Govr. y Capn. Genl. que lo es el Mro. de Campo Luis Granillo que consta las diligas. que en virtud de dho. mandamto. hizo y los dhos. Indios haver con sus gobernadores conferido y pedidome la merzd. de el sitio de la Cañada de Tzimayo y dejadome los dhos. pueblos de Sn. Lazaro y San Xptobal y haver el de Sn. Lazaro conseguido lo dejen para emplear y ocuparlo con las familias. que el Exmo. Sr. Virrey Conde de Galve de todo el Rno. de la Na. España remitio para la poblacion de este dho. Rno. de la Na. Mexeo. y entraron en vte. y tres de Junio de el año pasado de mill seiscientos y noventa y quatro siendo su numo. el que p. la muestra y lista para darles vivienda ynterin que se aseguraba dho. Rno. las que se reconocieron haver entrado en esta dha. villa de Sta. Fee y ser fuerza de sesenta famas. y media y para que se halle junta esta sin interpolasion de otra atendiendo a su union y que esten en compagnia gustosa come haudo. venidos y ser de un mesmo lugar y tierra a esta dha. vecindad y numo.

de famas. la graduo en primer lugar y señalo el dho. pueblo sus casas de vivienda con sus tierras, limpias de labor, sanjas, azequias y presa o presas que los dhos. Indios naturales tubieron y tenian para su riego y seguridad de cojer sus frutos con mas les señalo y hago merzd. en nombre de Su Magd. de sus sacas de agua que dejan descubiertas y pudieren descubrir sus montes pastos cañadas que tenian y gosaban los dhos. naturales sin perjuicio de las hazdas. ranchos que caen en su pertenencia y distrito y todo el que alcancare poder tener hasta los pueblos de Nambe Pujuaque Jacone San Ildephonso Sta. Clara y Sn. Juan de los Caballeros dandoles desde luego la posesion de las casas que pr. suyas en persona se la dare y dejare en ellas poblados con mas el titulo onorifico que en nombre de Su Magd. le doi al de dha. vezindad de villa de Sta. Cruz de Espanoles Mexnos. del Rey Nro. Sr. Carlos Segundo a los quales

55 asi declaro eszeptos y graduo en la primera poblazn. nuba y como tal dever gozar la antigüedad. de pobladores entendiendo ser la primitiba la de esta villa de Sta. Fee donde en ella solo se entienda le eleccion de los capitulares del Illtre. Caudo, y tener cada uno de por si su justicia que se conponga de Alcalde Mr. y Capn. a Guerra y Tente. con titulo de Capn. de Milizia su Alferez y Sarxto. reduzido la dha. vecindad a quatro cabos de esquadra y su alguacil de la guerra que asista asi mismo a la salida y reconocimto. de la campania con dho. Capn. de Milizia y demas ofis. alternandose al mes y asi con este modo y forma de governo por ser frontera y para que llegue a noticia de la dha. vezindad de Espanoles Mexnos. de dha. villa nuba que se les señala mando se publique en la dha. forma para q. reconozcan con la devida atencion que yo, dho. Govr. y Capn. Genl., les he recibido en este dho. Rno. y mejorado con la estimazn. de mi reverente atencion a la de la promesa del vando mandado promulgar del suso dho. Sr. Exmo. Virrey Conde de Galve pues en el les ofrecio y mando me ordenaria les señalase y diese tierras y sitio pa. labrar sus casas y yo les doy un todo su mejora conozida pues desde luego les señalo tierras rompidas y limpias y conozidas pr. su mucha fertilidad con mas sus sanjas azequias y presas en corriente con el riego de sus aguas aseguradas asi mismo sus casas nuebas pr. serlo dho. puo. y no tener mas que entrar desde luego a vivirlas y a disponer sus tierras que le señalaré haciendoles merzd. de sus ranchos y haciendas a los que se hallaren tener pr. mayor la division y darles mas desaogo y poderle tener para la vecindad que se le aumentare y agregaré y Su Magd. el Rey Nro. Sr., que Dios ge., con dha. nota. fuere servido de mandar ampliar como asi mesmo a los que a mi dho. Govr. y Capn. Genl. me pareciere poner y poblar y añadir el numero q. se conoziere ser conveniente que este se hara de la jente tambien que voluntaria se quisiere y me pidiere pr. merzd. le señale pr. poblador de dha. villa por gozar de dho. fuero y privilegio y para que conste y se hallen prevenidos para salir de esta villa de Sta. Fee les señalo el juebes a las diez de la mañana poniendo en la plaza de esta fuerza las mulas de carga con que me hallo y asi mesmo suplir de algunas vestias cavallares para montar en parte a los que no las tubieren y el todo ayudarles asegurandoles el que no les faltare con la asistencia de su racion de carne y maiz y mas con el de su siembra que les señala y ofresco dar el de media fanega a cada fama. y vezo. de ella y asi mismo los instrumtos. de coas grandes de yerro palas azadones y hachas ynterin que

lleguen las que tiene ordenado y mandado pr. factoria dho. Exmo.  
 56 Sr. Virrey se les remita tambien dar á su Alcalde Mr. y Capn. á  
 Guerra que les nombrare la provision de armas de fuego corri-  
 entes municiones de pólvora y valas de suerte que en el todo se hallen  
 con la prevenzn. nezesas. y para que les sirva de dha. fundazion y de  
 bastante titulo este dho. vando y lo en el expresado mando se publique a  
 usanza de guerra con sus instrumtos. militares asistiendo a el sus cabos y  
 of. con. dho. mi lugar thente. de Govr. y Capn. Genl. dandose la parte  
 al cuerpo que se hallare de el illustre Cavdo. de esta villa pa. que con  
 su asistencia y la de su escribano y con la de mi secreto. de Govn. y Gua.  
 se publique en esta plaza y la de afuera y lo firme en esta dha. villa de  
 Sta. Fee en diez y nuebe dias del mes de Abril de mill ses. noventa y  
 cinco.

DIEGO DE VARGAS ZAPATA LUJAN PONZE DE LEON. [Rúbrica.]

Por mdo. del Govr. y Capn. General.

ALPHONSSO RAEEL. DE AGUILAR. [Rúbrica.]

*Seero. de Govno. y Gua.*

En esta villa de Sta. Fee en diez y nuebe dias del mes de Abril de  
 mill y seisos. y noventa y cinco as. yo, el Capn. Alphonss Rael. de Aguilar,  
 seero. de Gono. y Gua., doy fee como ey dho. dia se puo. este dho. bande  
 en las dos Plazas peas. de este dha. villa hauiendo mucho concurso de  
 gente en ellas en altas e inteligibles voces de Seban. Rodriguez negro  
 tambor y para qe. conste lo firme.

ALPHONSSO RAEEL. DE AGUILAR. [Rúbrica.]

57 Sale de esta Va. de Sta. Fee la vezindad Mexna. señalada para la  
 Va. nua. de Sta. Cruz.

En veyte y un dias del preste. mes de Abril de dho. año de mill seis  
 cientos y noventa y cinco a la ora del bando señalado y nombramto. en el  
 expresado del título de Villa nueva de Sta. Cruz de el Rey N. Sr. Dn.  
 Carlos Segundo de los Espanoles Mexnos. de las sesenta familias q. se  
 hallan en esta Va. de Sta. Fee, salieron a las nueve de la mañana a  
 vecindarse y poblar con lo dispuesto en dho. vando y para q. conste de  
 su salida y lo fire. con mi secreto. de gov. y guerra.

DIEGO DE VARGAS ZAPATA LUJAN PONZE DE LEON. [Rúbrica.]

Ante mi :

ALPHONSSO RAEEL DE AGUILAR. [Rúbrica.]

*Seero. de Govno. y Guerra.*

58 Llegada a la Villa Nueva de Sta. Cruz.

En veyte. y dos dias de dho. mes de abril de la fha. y año, yo, dho.  
 Govr. y Capn. Genl. Dn. Diego Vargas Zapata Lujan Ponze de Leon de  
 este reyno y proas. de la Nua. Mexco. por su Magd. nr. sr. havydo.  
 llegado a esta villa nueva de Santa Cruz de los Mexcos. Espanoles del  
 Rey nro. Sr. Dn. Carlos Segundo asi denominada y puesta por mi dho.  
 Goverdor. y Capn. General haviendo sido su sitio y poblazon. el que por  
 mi mandado dejaron la nazn. de los Thanos q. heran del puo. de San

Lazaro dandole el titulo de la adboazn. de dho. Santo y de dha. diligenza, consta del orden del mandamyto. puesto por cabeza de estos autos y haviendo llegado antes con su alcalde mr. y capn. a guerra nombrado como los demas de dho. bando y titulo de villa en el referido mandado publicar el dia diez y nuebe del preste. mes de la fha. y año se hallava puesta en ala con dho. su captn. y demas ofzs. señalados y nombrados y estavan a la entrada de la plaza de dha. villa y desmontado en ella lo hize junto a la capilla q. servia de iglesia a los naturales de dho. pueblo y haviendose por mi mandado puesto en forma de media luna la dha. vezindad estando a mi lado el alferez rl. en frente con el rl. estandarte con mi lugarthente. y mi seco. de govno. y guerra hize salir de dha. lignia el dho. alcalde mayr. y capn. a guerra q. lo es el Sargto. Mayor Anto. Jorge y a su The. y Capt. de Milizia el Sargto. Nicolas Ortiz y a su Alferez Joseph Valdez y Sergto. Manuel Ballejo y Alguasil de la Guerra Anto. Godinez y los quatro cavos de Esquadra sigutes: Don Joseph del Balle, Sevan. de Salas, Migl. Fajardo, \_\_\_\_\_ Bustos, a todos los quales por mi dho. goveror. y capn. genl. señalados y nombrados por cuerpo de gobierno politico y militar por frontera donde se halla el dho. puesto de dha. villa les requeri y mande hiziesen. (On margin: Posesion y juramento de dha. villa.) el juramento de jurada aseptando el dho. puesto y poblazon q. en el usan por villa nueba de su misma nazion de los Mexnos. Espanoles del Rey Nr. Sr. Dn. Carlos Segundo y como sus leales vasallos de mantenerlo conserbarlo perdiendo la vida antes q. rendirse, a lo qual respondieron dabajo del dho. juramto. a, i lo aseptaban cumplirian y guardarian y de nuevo led hize merzd. mediante la dha. aseptazn. y juramto. rebalidandoles sus tierras que les pertenezen y terminos deslindados y que caen a los pueblos dhos. en dho. bando de merzd. y mas los que caen a las Haziendas y ranchos deslindados de su distrito y jurisdizn. en perjuicio del termino de sus terras q. les perteneze a cada uno y q. mas para q. se alentasen les hazia merzd. de

59 todos los minerales qe. se jusgen se hallan en la sierra de Zimayo q. segun los descubriesen en todo cumpliria y les guadaria las rls. ordenanzas dispuestas per su Magd. q. se alentasen para ello y tubiesen los pensamytos, altivos que de mi parte estaria el fomento segun los efectos y asimesmo hallandose en. dha. plaza y junto a dha. capilla al mui Rdo. Pe. Fr. Franco de Vargas juez eclesiastico yncapitte de este dho. rno. y su custodio en esta dha. cesta. y concurso juntamente treendo en su compa. a el Rdo. Pe. Predicor. misionero Fr. Antto. Moreno a quien eligio para guardian y ministro y yo dho. Govor. y Capt. Genl. las dije a dhos. Vezos. q. en dha. atenzon. y siendo capellan de su Magd. se le ponia y dejava per dho. su guardian y como a tal dava la poseson de dicha capilla para q. ynterin. q. reedificayan su iglesia les sirviese de parrochia y asi le di la poseson. a dho. pe. rd. de ella en dha. señal entrandole de la mano y componiendo el altar saliendo y entrando y para su mayor solemnidad y fuerza de pesesson. dada y juramto. hecho de dha. villa sali de dho. mi questo con dho. alfrz. rl. y mi lugarthete. mandando pasar al centro y medio de la plaza a mi alfrz. rl. juntamite. con mi seco. de govno. y gua. para q. recitase dizdo. como defendia y sustentava ser aquella poseson. dada a favor de su Magd. en dho. puto. lugar y sitio de merzd. de terminos y limites por mi dho. Govor. y Capt. Genl. asi mismo dados y concedidos en dho. rl. nombre a dha. vezindad con el titulo onorifico y puesto de Villa Nueba de Espanoles Mexicanos del

Rey Nr. Sr. Don Carlos Segdo. q. salia a defenderla como la defenderia hasta perder la vida y que asi con la espada en la mo. y desnuda la sustentaria y sustentava citando a quien lo contradiziese y todos a una vez y por jamas de mi dho. Govor. y Capn. Genl. como leal y leales vasallos de su Magd. aclamo y aclamaron dizdo. Viva el Rey Ntro. Sr. que Dios guae. el Señor Don Carlos Segundo, Rey de los Espanoles y de tote este nuevo mundo y de esta nueva villa q. en su rl. nombre se fundo con el titulo de villa nueva de las Mexnos. y Espanoles y a favor de su rl. corona se augmata, funda y puebla q. viva per muchos años y reyne en augmento de mayores, señorios, y monarchias, and haviendo repetido por tres veces la dha. aclamon. tirando los sombreros para arriba se dispararon tres cargas zerradas en dho. tiempo dandome la enhora bue. los dhos. vezos. de dejarlos poblados con tales onores y demonstracion de estimacion y jubilo pidiendome por merzd. las diera testimo. y se les mandase dar asi de la dha. pesson. en dha. forma referida como del vando y calidad de su titulo en el especificado pa. q. le sirviese de tenerle por tal de dha. su villa y para q. conste le firmaon. commigo los dhos. junta  
60 tamte. con mi lugarthete. de Govno. y Capt. Genl. y mi Secro. de Govno. y Guerra.

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| D. DIEGO DE VARGAS ZAPATA LUJAN PONZE DE LEON. | [Rubrica.] |
| El Sargentu MANL. BALLEJO.                     | [Rubrica.] |
| ANTONIO JORGE.                                 | [Rubrica.] |
| LOUIS GRANILLO.                                | [Rubrica.] |
| ANTTO. BALVERDE DE COSSIO,                     | [Rubrica.] |

*El Alferez Rl.*

Ante mi :

ALPHONSSO RAEEL DE AGUILAR. [Rubrica.]  
*Seero. de Gorno. y guerra.*

61 Deja orden dho. govr. y capn. genl. a dho. lugr. thete. para q. reparta las tierras sueltas que caen a dha. vecindad.

En esta villa de Sta. Fee, en veinte y tres dias del mes de Abril de mill sos. noventa y cinco, as. yo, dho. govr. y capn. genl., siendo forzosa la asistencia de mi persona en la villa de Sta. Fee y tener que pasar a los Pueblos de Sn. Xptobal y Nambe, ordeno y dejo ordenado a mi lugar thente. de govr. y capn. genl. que las tierras sueltas y de el distrito y pertenencia de esta dha. villa nueva de Sta. Cruz havido. juntando su vecindad y reconocido a la que se halla asegurada y favorecida con la merzd. de los sitios y ranchos deslindados a la q. sin tener dhas. merzdes. asta las de y las reparta en las dhas. tierras sueltas señalandole de ella la q. reconociere ser precisa pa. sembrar cada vez. de su fama. media fanega de maiz y en ella emplee las demas semillas con q. se hallare y dho. repartimto. haga dejando gustosa la dha. pte. interesada y de las q. sobraren me dara cuenta y para q. conste en este dho. auto dha. orden lo puse por dilig. que firme juntamente. mi thete. con mi secretario de govn. y gua.

D. DIEGO DE VARGAS ZAPATA LUJAN PONZE DE LEON. [Rúbrica.]

Ante mi :

ALPHONSSO RAEEL DE AGUILAR, [Rúbrica.]  
*Seero. de Gorn. y Guerra.*

62 Entrada de dho. govr. y capn. genl. en el Pueblo de Sn. Xptobal y denuedo requiere a los naturales Thanos de el la siembra y sus frutos los ensieren en el nuebo que reedificaren en dho. sitio de Tzimayo para poblarlo de Espanoles el mes de Octe.

Y luego yneconenti en dho. dia, mes y año de la fha. havdo. yo, dho. govr. y capn. genl., repetido a los dhos. Espanoles Mexicanos de la suso dha. villa nueba de Sta. Cruz el suso dho. orden me despedi y pase a este Pueblo de Sn. Xptobal adonde en su plasa hallava todo su jentio unido con con el que tenia el que dejaron en dha. villa nueba poblada y les repeti y requeri la merzd. que les havia conzedido en el permiso de pasar este verano en el haziendo en sus tierras sus siembras y que sus frutos que Dios Nr. Sr. fuere serbido de darles y cojiesen les mandaba los llebasen de una ves al pueblo nuebo que en este dho. verano habian de reedificar pues para el mes de Octe. havian de estar en el dejandome dezembarazado el dho. en que se hallaban de Sn. Xptobal para poblarlo de Espanoles segun havia dejado el antecedente y respondieron asi lo harian y abiendoles debuelto de nuebo a repetir la merzd. a su favor echo en dho. sitio de Tzimayo me despedi dejandoles gustosos y para que conste lo puse por diligencia q. firme con el dho. mi secreto. de govn. y guerra.

D. DIEGO DE VARGAS ZAPATA LUJAN PONZE DE LEON. [Rúbrica.]

Ante mi:

ALPHONSSO RUEL DE AGUILAR, [Rúbrica.]  
Secreto. de Gorn. y Guerra.

63 Pasa dho. govr. y capn. genl. al Pueblo de Nambe y en el de la posesion al Mtro. Misiono. q. queda per doctrino. juntamte.

En dho. dia vte. tres de Abril de la fha. y año yo, dho. govnor. y capn. genl., havdo. elegido ministro doctrino, el Muy Reydo. Pe. Custo. Frai Franeo. de Vargas, para la mision de los Teguas del Pueblo de Nambe pase en su compañia para darle la posesion y havdo. entrado en dho. pueblo su jentio se hallava junto y la recibirme con toda politica y estando en frente del quartel principal donde tenian la capilla señalada y casa adjunta a ella pa. dho. mintro. me desmonte y mediante interprete les dije qe. les tenia y venia a poner al pe. que les havia de asistir y administrar les Santos Sacramentos. que lo es el Redo. Pe. Per. Antonio de Azevedo y en la forma referida le di la posesion de dha. capilla y casa y en señal de ella mda. rezar y cantar el alavadosea, &c., pr. tres veces y mde. a los dhos. Yndios en todo le asisten y cumpliesen con su obligon. y la de Xtianos y no faltasen en nada y para q. conste de dha. posesion y de dhos. natureles responden en todo guardarán y cumpliran lo que les mdo. lo firme juntamte. con mi secto. de govno. y gua.

D. DIEGO DE VARGAS ZAPATA LUJAN PONZE DE LEON. [Rúbrica.]

Ante mi:

ALPHONSSO RUEL DE AGUILAR, [Rúbrica.]  
Secreto. de Gorno. y Guerra.

64 Llegada de las famas, que de orden de su exa. el exmo. sr. conde de Galve se han conseguido y adquirido pr. el Capn. Juan Paez Hurtado su cavo comiso, nombrado por mi, dho. govr. y capn. genl.

En esta villa de Sta. Fee cavesera de este rno. y provincias de la Nueba Mexeo., en nuebe dias del mes de Mayo de este preste. año de la fha. de mill sos. noventa y cinco as., llegaron a esta villa de Sta. Fee cavesera que lo es de este rno. y provas. de la Nueba Mexeo. las familias que de orden del Exmo. Sr. Virrey Conde de Galve, con acuerdo de la junta genl. de señores Ministros de rl. hazda. y guerra en Marzo del año pasado de mill sos. noventa y quatro mando a mi, dho. govr. y capn. genl. de este dho. rno., remitiese cavo capn. y comiso, nombrado de mi satisfacion y teniendola del Capn. Juan Paez Hurtado le di la comision y nombramiento, para ejecutar el tenor del dho. mandamiento, y orden resuelto en el pr. dho. Sr. Exmo. Virrey passando a los Rnos. de Galizia y en el Rl. de Zacatecas y otras partes y las familias que adquirio segun el pie de lista que consta fueron quarenta y quattro fas. a las quales yo, dho. govr. y capn. genl., en persona reconoci y di con asistencia del dho. su capn. cavo y comiso, el alojamto, en esta dha. villa en las casas que tenian dejaron la poblacion antezedente puesta y empleada en la nuba villa de Sta. Cruz y para q. conste de dha. entrada lo firme con el dho. capn. y cabo y comiso, y mi secreto. de govno. y guerra.

D. DIEGO DE VARGAS ZAPATA LUJAN PONZE DE LEON. [Rúbrica.]

Ante mi :

ALPHONSSO RUEL DE AGUILAR. [Rúbrica.]

#### AUTO DE REMISION.

En esta dha. villa de Sta. Fee, en dho. dia de la fha. nuebe de Mayo y año de mill sos. novta. y cinco, yo, dho. Govr. y Capn. Genl. Don Diego de Vargas Zapata Lujan Ponze de Leon, haviendo visto estos autos para que la conste a su Exa. el Exmo. Virrey Conde de Galve que lo es de todo el Rno. de la Nueba España lo obrado en este dho. rno. en el rl. servicio en que yo, dho. govr. y capn. genl., pongo el desvelo y esmero que me incumbe para su mayor agrado hazia remision de ellos, para lo qual mande a mi secretario de govno. y guerra trasumpte a la letra el testimonio como asimesmo la carta de remision con este dho. auto para que concordado y trasumptado en devida forma se haga dha. remision y despacho a su exa. dho. Sr. Exmo. Virrey y mas quando tambien le motiba

65 y prezisa la ocasion de el correo despachado en catorce de henero de este preste, y dho. año de la fha. no ha llegado ni se sabe la causa de su dilasion y lo firme en esta dha. villa, en dho. dia, mes y año de la fha. juntamente con mi secretario de govno. y guerra.

D. DIEGO DE VARGAS ZAPATA LUJAN PONZE DE LEON. [Rúbrica.]

Ante mi :

ALPHONSSO RUEL DE AGUILAR, [Rúbrica.]  
Secreto. de Govno. y Guerra.

## 66 EXMO. SEÑOR:

**SEÑOR:** Haviendo llegado a esta villa de Santa Fe el Capitan Juan Paez cabo comiso, por mi nombrado para la conducion de las familias que de orden de vexa, solicito y adquirio en la ciudad de Zacatecas y entro en la plaza de esta dha. villa y fuerza quarenta y quattro familias que reconoci y passe muestra bajando para ello en persona juntamente a dha. plaza para darles el alojamiento en sus casas que desocuparon los bezinos Mexicanos de las sesenta familias que vexa, asi mesmo remitio para la poblacion de este reyno, y haviendo logrado mi deseo el que pudiera desear y pensar para el mayor y real servio, de su Magd. en la nueba villa por mi nuebamente fundada y poblada con titulo de Villa Nueba de Santa Cruz de los bezinos Mexicanos del Rey Nro. Señor Carlos Segundo en un pueblo que havian de neubo fundado los rebeldes de la nacion Thana en tierras que eran de los Espanoles y segun los motibos que discurri para materia y empresa tan dificil lo logre segun se reconosera por los mandamientos y demas diligencias de de cuyos autos y de ellas hago remision a vexa, por su testimonio que este bisto discurrido y considerado hallara en el dictamen de su grandesa lo favorable de mi fortuna y demas tener asegurada a distancia corta otra poblazon de dha. nacion en mayor amplitud que esta desembarazada y libre la tengo asegurada asi mismo para el mes de Octubre que siendo Nro. Señor servido fundare y poblar otra villa de estas dhas. familias de oy dia de la fha. recibidas y alojadas en esta de Santa Fee procurare siembren las unas y las otroras para que puedan tener el alivio de no estar a la tasa de razion como al presente viven en medio de la larguesa y magnificencia de vexa, que esto es cierto me ha serbido de mucho desbelo el acarreto de el maiz en parte puesto en esta dha. villa por lo dilatado que se halla del Reyno de la Viseaya y no tener otro recurso mas inmediato.

Tiene me confuso y cuidoso el no haber llegado el correo a la fha. de esta que tengo remitido a vexa, desde catorze de henero pasado de este presente año de la fecha y asi mesmo me motiba hacer este despacho para saber el fin de su dilacion como tambien si hubiere sido robado o muerto, y los dhos. despachos y ordenes que vexa, fuere servido de remitirme y probeer en su respuesta mandar de neubo se me despachen para dar de mi parte el devido cumplimto. deseare juntamente que se halle vexa, con la respuesta de su Magd. el Rey Nro. Señor que Dios guarde para que con ella pueda deliberar en respuesta de mis cartas consultas remitidas por vexa, en su supremo y real consejo de Yndias que con dha.

esperanza tengo entretenido a dha. bezindad para que con sus medios 67 tengan el alibio de su conserbacion. Asi mesmo quedan pobladas nuebamente dos misiones Nambe y la dha. villa nueba, sirviendo el padre doctrinario al pueblo unido de los dhos. Thanos.

Hallandome en esta ocasion fuera de esta villa llegaron una rancheria de Apaches que estan al oriente y llaman de los Chiyanes y dieron razon en el pueblo donde entraron que es de nazon. Pieuries como unos hombres blancos y rubios havian consumido una nacion muy grande de los Apaches conejeros que esta muy tierra adentro de la suy a y que se havian buelto; esta noticia me dio el alcalde mayor y padre ministro viniendome a ber y diciendole al alcalde mayor porque no me havia detenido el capitán de dha. rancheria, me respondio havia dicho bolberia con toda su gente a berme para Setiembre; y si Dios Nro. Sr. me diere vida, y biniere le

recibire la declaracion para segun ella hacer la estimacion o desprecio y no he querido dejar a vexa. esta noticia juntamente con lo referido, deseando en todo servir a vexa. cuya exma. persona guarde Nro. Señor en su mayor grandeza muchos y felizes años. Fecha en esta villa de Santa Fee en nuebe dias del mes de Mago de mill sos. y noventa y cinco años.

Exmo. Señor, &c.,

D. DIEGO DE VARGAS ZEPATA LUJAN PONZE DE LEON. [Rúbrica.]

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*Archives No. 882.*

No. 340.

Proceedings had in the new town and settlement founded and called "The Exaltation of the Cross of the Mexicans of the King our Lord Don Charles II," established and obtained by the efforts of the governor and captain-general of this kingdom of New Mexico, its new restorer and conqueror, Don Diego de Vargas Zapata Lujan Ponze de Leon, a certified copy of the said proceedings having been sent on May 11, of the said year of 1695 to his excellency the viceroy, the Conde de Galve.

69 (Archive No. 882.) No. 340.

Don Diego de Vargas Zapata Lujan Ponze de Leon, governor and captain-general of this kingdom and provinces of New Mexico, its new restorer and conqueror at his own expense, and reconqueror and settler in the same, and castellan of its forces and garrisons, by His Majesty, etc.

It being now the time when a fixed place of residence must be given to the families which, on the part of His Majesty the King our Lord, whom may God preserve, in his royal name, by his excellency the viceroy, the Conde de Galve, over all the kingdom of New Spain governor and captain-general and president of the royal audience and court of the City of Mexico and of all this new world, and with the approval of the royal commission and the ministers of the same, have been sent, as well as the others brought by the said governor and captain-general to this kingdom, and all of which are now in this said city, and also as another lot and party are expected, and in order to give them a fixed place of settlement, land for cultivation of their crops, pastures, woods and waters, watering places, commons, and stock ranges, in order that they may have all that they need for raising their large and small stock of all kinds and classes; and I, having been informed of the same, and it being yhe royal will that I should be placed in charge of the whole in the matter of the location and settlement of the said parties, and that I should procure for such as I considered proper for the service, stability, permanency, security, comfort, and utility, seeking to find the same on lands separate and apart, if possible, from the natives of the tribes and pueblos of this said kingdom and the district of this said city, in order to avoid the troubles and vexations which would arise if they live together with the Spaniards; but, on the contrary, being separated, both would be at peace, and the said natives and Spaniards would live together in concord and harmony, in such manner that by kind and friendly treatment our holy faith might be implanted among them on a firm basis and with the hope that with

their example the adjoining barbarous tribes might be converted; and, with this view, I, the said governor and captain-general, having to duly carry out the royal will, which the said most excellent viceroy has so frequently and repeatedly communicated to me in the name of His Majesty, I have done what was necessary, and have not only gone over, passed through, and tried the entrances, exits, routes, courses, and dis-

70 tances, particularly and generally, of all this said kingdom, but also a part of the lands of the tribe of the Utes, having entered

with an army of the royal forces of His Majesty under my command as far as the last pueblo and tribe of the Taos of this said kingdom and come out at the mouth of the river Chama at the pueblo of San Juan de los Caballeros, distant ten leagues from the said city, and the said examination having been made as aforesaid by me, the said governor and captain-general, I found that the said place and settlement of the said party and of the other said party that is expected to arrive should be made of lands which belonged to the Spaniards, who abandoned and left them at the time of the general revolution, in the month of August, in the year 'eighty, in this kingdom, at the places and farms extending from this said city of Santa Fe to the pueblo of Tesuque, and those which extend beyond the pueblos of San Ildefonso and Santa Clara, on the other side of the Rio del Norte, and, on this side, those which lie in front of the mesa de San Ildefonso and extend to the road which leads to the said pueblo of San Juan de los Caballeros, and those which extend to the pueblos established on the said farms, which are San Lazaro and San Cristoval, and those which extend from the latter in the direction of the highway which leads to Picuris, to the canada called the Hacienda de Moraga, and the farms of Captains Luis Martin and Juan Luis, in front of and at the place and tract of land called Chimayo; and in order that they be examined by my lieutenant-governor and captain-general, who is Colonel Luis Granillo, I order him to proceed with Sergeant Ruiz de Cazeres, because he knows the language of the said tribe of the Teguas, to the two pueblos of the Thanos, San Lazaro and San Cristoval, with Matias Lujan, their alcalde mayor, because he is also an interpreter, to examine, in the first place, the said farms and places separately, making a map showing the names of the places and the names of their former owners, the quality of the lands, and the distances, and he will examine personally and will confer with the above mentioned as to the number of persons who can be settled on the same, giving them lands which they can cultivate and plant advantageously and without inconveniencing one another, with notification that the pastures of the tract and limits of each of the said farms shall be in common and not for individuals, and that the stock which each may have in greater or less number may feed on the same, and only in case of there being an equal number will it be permitted them to appear in order to petition that no one shall have more stock than another; and in this manner he will make the said demarcation, map, computation, and regulation; and in respect to the

71 said two pueblos of San Lazaro and San Cristoval, they having been established on the farms and lands which absolutely belonged and did belong to the said Spanish residents, who, because of the said general rebellion of the whole of this kingdom in the month of August, of the year eighty, abandoned and left them

in order to save their lives, and who left on their farms their household goods, clothing, wares, grain, growing crops, and stock, all of which were taken possession of by the said rebels; and in view of the fact that the aforesaid, of the said tribe of Thanos, left their pueblos, because of the improvements and the fertility of the lands and the greater security of their lives, and came together with those of the Teguas tribe, who were settled at so short a distance, and took advantage of the occasion to obtain the improvements on the said lands, everything being already completed, those of San Cristoval and those of San Lazaro settled upon them, the lands which the Teguas of the said pueblo of San Juan de los Caballeros hold being many, and the number of people of both being small, and it being on the frontier, as it is, and at the entrance of the Apache enemy, as well as that of the Ute tribe, they saw fit to admit them and give them the permission, with the general consent of all, to settle, as in effect they did settle and were settled in the said pueblo of San Juan, the land and dwelling houses of which are vacant and standing unoccupied to-day, because of their having been abandoned only a few years ago on account of their having gone to settle on the lands of the Spaniards, and where they are to-day living and settled; and whereas I have conferred with the said governors of the said pueblos in regard to the above reasons and the royal will, and I, the said governor and captain-general, not being informed of the settlement which the said natives of San Lazaro, in the said pueblo of San Juan, had granted and designated to their governor, Don Cristoval Yope, the place of Yunque, in order that they might go there in the coming winter, giving them permission and consent to plant the said lands this year, he having a place to go to thereafter with his said people, which number sixteen families, their whole number being one hundred and fifty-five persons, according to what I am informed and as appears by the list of the same made by the reverend father preacher, Brother Antonio Obregon, their father minister, doctrinal teacher, and guardian; I hereby direct my said lieutenant-general and their said alcalde mayor and interpreter, Matias Lujan, to say and intimate to the said natives and their said governor, Don Cristoval Yope, that they must go to their said land which they have in the said pueblo of San Juan, which they had in the same, as well as the lands which were given and partitioned among them by the natives of the same; and I direct my said lieutenant-general, if it should be

72 necessary, to go to the said pueblo of San Juan with the said governor, Don Cristoval Yope, and the war captains of the two pueblos being together in the plaza to inform them of my said order by virtue of the said royal will, which is but just and proper with regard to the said Spaniards, and it being neither unjust nor tyrannical to order them to leave the said lands and town founded by them on their said tract when they have and are provided with a safe dwelling on the portion of land which belongs to them as their own in the pueblo of San Juan, and as they also have their lands sufficient, irrigable, and dependent upon the seasons which are well known, and it is not right that injustice and injury should be done to the said Spaniards by keeping them out of their said lands known to be theirs, which through the Divine will promise, on account of their fertility, abundant harvests,

wherewith to maintain themselves and secure their support, without running the risk of a failure and the loss of their supplies by working new lands; and these (the Spaniards) even at great cost are not yet secure among the said natives, but are discouraged and intimidated, and have not the measure and the amount of their legitimate value (of the lands), and besides, the risk of a new loss to the royal Crown, and also the labor of working for a year lands wild and unknown, for all of which I, the said governor and captain-general, ought to consider and regard such proper reasons as the near arrival of the above-mentioned lot and branch of the said people and settlers in the said planting season, so as not to have them to break lands, nor much less to be troubled with regard to their dwelling houses, they having them secured on the said lands and tracts, as well as their acequias open and prepared, wherefore it is not in my power to give permission to the said natives of San Lazaro to plant and cultivate the same for this year, but they, as well as those of the said pueblo, must vacate them, and go to their said piece of land and dwelling houses in the said pueblo of San Juan and on their said lands and there plant their crops, and he will give them time to move without injuring or tearing down the said houses of the said town until the moon of the coming month, and he will call upon them to consider their having enjoyed for so many years the planting of the said lands as a reason for there being nothing due them on account of their leaving the said town. And with regard to the pueblo of San Cristoval, my said lieutenant-general, together with the said alcalde mayor and interpreter, Matias Lujan, will proceed to the same, and will tell the said governor and captains to go to the said place of Chimayo, where they asked my permission to settle, and I will keep my word to them in all things, and if

it be ascertained that the said land which they designated and asked  
73 for can be planted at once, and he will remind them that I gave  
the said permission and promise in regard to the said possession  
with the understanding that the lands should not be such as to require  
much time to prepare them for planting, and it having been learned that  
this could readily be done I made them the said grant under the condition  
that they should at once take possession and establish their settlement  
and plant their crops at the said place; and he will give them also,  
as a term for leaving and moving from their said town until the moon of  
the coming month, since they have had time sufficient for the same, and  
the said Spanish settlers, who have made representation and to whom I  
have made a grant because of their having alleged that the said tract and  
lands were theirs in the said place of Chimayo, shall go with my said  
lieutenant-general, in order that in the presence of the said governor and  
the natives of the said pueblo of San Cristoval they shall identify the  
tract which they have asked for and the lands which I have granted to  
them, which are from the said pueblo forward and none towards that  
which they leave and the road which leads to the said pueblo of San  
Cristoval, since with this specification I made them the said grant; and I  
inform, direct, and order the said Spaniards, through my lieutenant-general,  
not to have any conflict with the said natives, as my word and the  
importance of the said compact are superior to the grant which I have  
made to them, since it is uncertain, because of having been made on lands  
designated for the said natives and governor of the said pueblo of San

Cristoval, and therefore I will make it up to them in another part and place of equal value; and to the said natives he will make known the said order and will direct that they obey, carry out, and execute the same within the said term in accordance with the reasons justifying the same set forth, and those of them who may have any complaint may appear before me, the said governor and captain-general, in this city to make the same, and to say to them that I will hear them verbally or in writing, they presenting them through their alcalde mayor and interpreter, Matias Lujan, and in order that this said order to my said lieutenant may appear, and for the execution of the same I so provided and signed the same with my civil and military secretary, and it is dated in this city of Santa Fe on the eighteenth day of the month of March, of this present year of one thousand six hundred and ninety-five, to whom, on my order, it was delivered in the original in order that it be returned with the report of its execution.

DON DIEGO DE VARGAS ZAPATE LUJAN PONZE DE LEON, [Rubric.]

ALPHONSSO RUEL DE AGUILAR. [Rubric.]

*Civil and Military Secretary.*

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### Departure from this city of Santa Fe.

In this city of Santa Fe, on the twentieth day of the month of March, in the year one thousand six hundred and ninety-five, I, Colonel Luis Granillo, lieutenant and captain-general of this kingdom of New Mexico, in fulfilment of and in obedience to the above order and direction of the governor and captain-general of this kingdom, who is Don Diego de Vargas Zapata Lujan Ponze de Leon, left this city in company with the Sergeant Juan Ruiz de Cazeres, and at the distance of two long leagues from the same before arriving at the pueblo of Tesuque, of the Teguas, I came to the farm, which is in ruins, which belonged to Colonel Francisco Gomez, in which there is sufficient agricultural land for one settler only, and pasturage and woodland for the stock of one owner only; and I proceeded from the said pueblo of Tesuque directly to San Lazaro, which is the pueblo named in the said order, and in order to duly execute the same I caused to be assembled its governor, and Cacique Don Cristoval Yope, and the elders and principal men, and the majority of the natives of the said town of the Thana tribe, and in the presence of their alcalde mayor, who is an interpreter, and Sergeant Juan Ruiz, who is also an interpreter and who acted as such, I read to them the said order that they might understand it in their Thana tongue word for word, as was done, and they all answered that they would obey in accordance with what they had asked for and the grant which had been made to them in order that they might settle anew on the place at the end of the canada, called Chimayo, adjoining the mountain range, and in order to identify the same and to carry out the said direction contained in the said order I instructed them to proceed to the inspection of the same in my company to-morrow and also to advise as parties interested and adjoining, the governor of San Cristoval, the principal men and the natives of the same and in order that it may so appear I made it a part of the proceedings, and I signed the same, dated ut supra.

LUIS GRANILLO. [Rubric.]

75 The said lieutenant-general proceeds with the said governors of the pueblos to the examination of the tract designated at Chimo, which was granted to them by the governor and captain-general of this kingdom for their settlement.

On the twenty-first day of the present month of March, of the date and year, I, the said lieutenant-governor and captain-general, left the said pueblo of San Lazaro with the said alcalde mayor and sergeant, and also its governor and leading Indians, and the majority of the natives, and also those of the pueblo of San Cristoval with their governor, their doctrinal minister, who is Fray Antonio Obregon, also going with them and me, the said lieutenant-general, and at the distance of two long leagues having gone through the canada and passed an arroyo or small rivulet (arroyo Riaehuelo Pequeno) which comes down from the said mountain range and which lines with the farm of Captain Juan Luis, up the river, and having gone along a little further, about half a league, where there is a ruin on the left, the said Indians, governors, and Caciques showed me the plain which is adjacent to the said ruin which is in a canada wide and large enough for their pueblo with sufficient land for irrigation from the arroyos and rivulets which come down from the said mountain range, and I examined the mouth of the ditch and the dam, which the said Indians showed me, and the said rivulet has water sufficient and permanent; and returning to the plain the said Indians again proceeded to mark off and describe the said place for which they had asked the said governor and captain-general, and which grant he had made and conceded to them, and they marked off the plan for the said town, saying that it was to be of sixty-eight houses, in order that the people of the said two pueblos might occupy the same, and adding to them the Thanos Indians and captive women who had escaped from the city of Santa Fe in case they should desire to come with them, that they would admit and receive them; thus the said lands were given and set off to them, they being satisfied with having examined and seen the tract and place for the establishment and site of their pueblo, and in order that it might so appear I made it a part of the proceedings and I signed it, dated ut supra.

LUIS GRANILLO. [Rubric.]

76 The said lieutenant-general departs from the canada for the pueblo of San Juan and proceeds to the other side of the Rio del Norte to sleep at Santa Clara.

And immediately thereafter, on the said day, month, and year, I, the said lieutenant-general, took the route and way in order to carry out the tenor of the order and direction aforesaid, proceeding to the examination of the farms and ranches belonging to the Spanish settlers in the canada before the general revolution of this kingdom, which were said to be occupied, and at the distance of half a league, and on the boundary of said farm of Captain Juan Luis, which he has at the said place of the said grant to the said Indians, I found and examined the farm which belonged to the Martinez, the ruins of which consist of the standing walls, and in them were living encamped five persons, with their families, because there were lands and pastures sufficient on the north; and

having proceeded in the said direction about three-quarters of a league I found, on the left of the route, the said pueblo of San Lazaro, and crossing the Rio del Norte to the right side I found and saw the farm which belonged to Miguel Lujan, on which the house is still standing, he occupied with his own family only, as there is irrigable land sufficient for one family only, and pastures sufficient for such stock as it might possess; and with this farm there lies another house and cultivable lands which were planted by Marcos de Herrera, who had his family on another farm lower down, which said place has about as much land as the last named and mentioned; and following this there is another lot of cultivable land which belonged to Nicolas de la Cruz, the house on which is standing and occupied by his widow, the land being sufficient for the support of her family only, and the pastures are in the same proportion; and following this is the land which belonged to Melchor de Archuleta, the ruin of the house only remaining, and there are about sufficient lands for one family, with pastures to correspond; and following along the said plain and meadow there is another farm, which belonged to Juan Griego, and this is a better piece of land than any of the others, because of its extent, it being sufficient for two families, dividing the agricultural land between them and giving them the pastures in common; and next there follows another farm, which belonged to Sebastian Gonzales, and now held by Captain Alonso del Rio, and in this two others had shares, so that there is room for three families to settle on the said tract, and the lands are of superior quality; and next is the farm

which belonged to Francisco Xavier, the house in ruins and a little

77 tower standing, and although he lived on it alone, the tract has abundant land for two families; and this is followed by that of Pedro de la Cruz, of whose house there is but one room standing, and it has land sufficient for one family only; and having finished making the inspection of the said farms I, the said lieutenant-general, proceeded to the other part of the arroyo, which lies between them and descends the said canada, the Rio del Norte being on the right, and I examined the following farms: First, there is adjoining the said arroyo the farm which belonged to Bartolome Montoya, on which there is only the ruin of the house in which he lived, and there are lands sufficient for one family only; and there adjoins this another farm, which belonged to Diego Lopez, and there is a tower left standing which adjoined his house, there being land enough for one family; following this is another farm, which belonged to Marcos de Herrera, and the said farm has land sufficient for one family, the house, because of its being close to the said arroyo, or rivulet, was carried away by a heavy freshet; next follows another tract of land, which was held and owned by the community of the pueblo of Santa Clara; following is the farm which belonged to Colonel Francisco Gomez, the lines of the foundation of his house only are visible, and there is room for one family only; next follows the farm which belonged to Ambrosio Saez, in the houses of which there are now living, as they were during the past year of one thousand six hundred and ninety-four, part of the Teguas Indians, rebels from the pueblo of Tesuque, making use of the said lands, for which reason the houses are in good condition, and on this farm two other families can be settled; and there is also in the middle of the said meadow the farm on which

Augustin Romero was settled during the planting season because he had this cultivable land on the said tract, and here one family can live very well; and so descending along the Rio del Norte and the Mesa de San Ildefonso, the ruins of the said house are seen, and the land is sufficient only for one family; and the said farms are those which are found as aforesaid, from the said mouth of the canada as named, with the owners who lived in them and were settled on them; and I, the said lieutenant-general, then returned with Sergeant Juan Ruiz, who accompanied me on the said inspection, and he knows the said places because of always having lived near them and of having been raised there; and the said report is true and certain, and in order that it may so appear, I made it a part of the proceedings, and I signed it, and I proceeded to the pueblo of Santa Clara, in order to sleep there; dated at supra.

LUIS GRANILLO. [Rubric.]

- 78 Arrival of the said lieutenant-general at the city of Santa Fe, at which place he returns the order of the said governor and captain-general with the proceedings had in obedience thereto.

On the twenty-third day of the present month of the date and year, I, the said lieutenant-general, having arrived at the city of Santa Fe, made report of the foregoing proceedings to the governor and captain-general of this kingdom, Senor Don Diego de Vargas Zapata Lujan Ponze de Leon, and by direction and order of his excellency I left and delivered the original into his hands, and in order that it may so appear I signed the same with the said governor and captain-general in the presence of his civil and military secretary.

DON DIEGO DE VARGAS ZAPATA LUJAN PONZE DE LEON. [Rubric.]  
LUIS GRANILLO. [Rubric.]

Before me :

ALPHONSSO RAEEL DE AGUILAR, [Rubric.]  
*Civil and Military Secretary.*

- 79 Petition of the Thanos tribe of the pueblos of San Lazaro and San Cristoval.

To the GOVERNOR AND CAPTAIN-GENERAL:

The governors of the pueblos of San Lazaro and San Cristoval of the Thanos tribe for themselves and in the name of the people of the said pueblos: We appear before your excellency asking that all the privileges allowed by law be given us, and we say: That your excellency was pleased to order us to move from the said pueblos in order to settle them with Spaniards, and we pray that your excellency will give us time to plant the said lands, which are now open, during the present year, using the acequias of the same, and as soon as we take off the crops we will vacate the said pueblos in order that your excellency may settle them as your excellency pleases. Which said petition your excellency was pleased to grant, and with the same we were gratified. And now we have learned that it is the intention of your excellency to send us to settle and plant in another place, in view of which we submit to the consideration of your excellency the hardships which we are now undergoing,

as we have (as is well known) no maize, which is our only food, and now we are not only unable to procure any, but in order to support ourselves up to the present we have sacrificed our clothing, having had to sell it at low prices, and also in order to have seed for this year, and no matter where we may go to settle and plant it will be necessary for the people of both pueblos to occupy all their time in breaking the land and constructing acequias, a thing impossible to do in this year, because we have nothing to live on, and we will have to seek it elsewhere, with which the present evil is not remedied, nor that of the future, which is imminent. In view of all that which we have set forth, placing ourselves at the feet of your excellency, with all due respect, we ask and pray that your excellency will consider our need and the remedy for the same, which rests wholly on your excellency's word, and that your excellency will be pleased to permit that for this year we may plant in these pueblos, and on our part we are ready to vacate them so soon as we gather the crops, in which we hope to receive from the powerful hand of your excellency all favor and grace as we have already experienced in things of greater import, and which is just, and for the same, etc.

#### THE THANOS GOVERNORS OF SAN LAZARO AND SAN CRISTOVAL.

80 Presentation of the foregoing petition by the war captains for themselves and in the name of the Thanos tribe of the pueblos of San Lazaro and San Cristoval.

In this city of Santa Fe, on the twentieth day of the month of March, of the year one thousand six hundred and ninety-five, before me, Don Diego de Vargas Zapata Lujan Ponze de Leon, governor and captain-general of this kingdom and provinces of New Mexico, its new restorer and conqueror at his own expense, and reconqueror and settler and castellan of its forces and garrisons by His Majesty, &c.

#### DECREE.

It was presented by the war captains of the natives of the Thanos tribe of the said pueblos of San Lazaro and San Cristoval; and, whereas I have given the order to my lieutenant-general, I direct that it be carried out and executed, since I can only permit that the Indians of the first pueblo, that of San Lazaro, if they do not desire to join and incorporate themselves with those of the pueblo of San Juan de los Caballeros, where they came from and where they left their portion of land, or to return to their old pueblo which they left and which they had and did have before the general revolution of this kingdom in the year 'eighty, and in which they lived for many years afterwards, they shall join and agree to live together in the said second pueblo of San Cristoval, and shall plant their crops on their lands, going as far as the said canada of Chимиyo and farm of Moraga, where, during the past year because of the second uprising, they made and had their cornfields; and they having lands of their own, there is no reason why the royal will of His Majesty the King, our master, should not be carried out in regard to Spaniards who are expected and who are now on their way here to augment the population and secure thereby the restoration and reconquest of

this said kingdom, nor that the provision made for the same out of his royal treasury should be lost by their not being given lands suitable and proper for their making their crops and thereby their support—reasons for not being able to leave exposed to said *said* contingency an enterprise of such magnitude; and besides, in view of the objection of the said natives that the said lands are not in condition to be cultivated, they ought to consider the favor done in giving them the half of the lands belonging to the other said pueblo of San Cristoval, and acknowledge the care and attention given to their relief; and in order that this said decree may appear of record let it be placed, with the petition of the said natives, with the decrees and proceedings, which by virtue of the said order my said lieutenant-governor and captain-general shall carry

81 out and make report of the same in order that proper action may be taken, and I signed it in this said city with my civil and military secretary on the said day ut supra.

**DON DIEGO DE VARGAS ZAPATA LUJAN PONZE DE LEON.** [Rubrie.]

Before me :

**ALPHONSSO RAEEL DE AGUILAR,** [Rubrie.]  
*Civil and Military Secretary.*

82 Proclamation including therein the grant made to the Mexican-Spanish families and given with the title of Villa Nueva de Santa Cruz de Espanoles Mexicanos del Rey Nuestro Senor Don Carlos Segundo, as set forth, and the conditions and causes expressed for the carrying out of the same.

Don Diego de Vargas Zapata Lujan Ponze de Leon, governor and captain-general of this kingdom and provinces of New Mexico, its new restorer, conqueror at his own expense, reconqueror and settler of the same, castellan of its forces and garrisons, by His Majesty, &c.

The Thanos Indians, of the pueblo of San Lazaro, having by virtue of my order and direction, as expressed in the same and forwarded for its due execution on the twentieth of March last of this present year to my lieutenant-governor and captain-general, Colonel Luis Granillo, as it appears in the proceedings which by virtue of the said order were had, and the said Indians having consulted with their governors and asked me for the grant of the tract of the canada de Chimayo and left to me the said pueblos of San Lazaro and San Cristoval, and I having succeeded in having that of San Lazaro vacated in order to employ and occupy it with the families which his excellency the viceroy, the Conde de Calve, has sent for the settlement of this said kingdom of New Mexico, and they having arrived on the twenty-third of June of the past year one thousand six hundred and ninety-four, their number being in accordance with their list and muster roll, in order that they might be supported and lodged until the said kingdom was safe, and they came into this said city to the number of sixty-six and one-half families, and in order that they may be together without the intrusion of any others, in view of their union, and in order that they may be contented, they having come from one place and country to this said city, I placed them in the first grade, and I designate the said pueblo, its dwelling houses, its cleared agricultural lands, drains, irrigation ditches and dam or dam-

which the said native Indians had and did have for irrigation and the security of raising their crops, and I also designate and grant, in the name of His Majesty, the dams which they may leave open and those which they may open, and the woods, pastures, and valleys which the said natives had and enjoyed, without prejudice to the farms and ranches which lie within its limits and district, and all that which it covers and may contain as far as the pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, Jacona, San Ildefonso, Santa Clara, and San Juan de los Caballeros, giving these as the boundaries of the tract which the said settlement, shall enjoy, hold, and have, and which I make a seat and town, and also possession of the houses which may be given or assigned to them in person; and furthermore, the honorary title of "Villa Nueva de Santa Cruz de Espanoles Mexicanos del Rey Nuestro Senor Carlos Segundo,"

83 which, in the name of His Majesty, I give to the said settlement, and I constitute and grade it as the first new settlement, and as such it shall enjoy priority of settlement, with the understanding that that of this city of Santa Fe is the first, and in it only shall be held the election of the members of the illustrious council, but each shall have its civil authority, which shall be composed of an alcalde mayor and war captain and lieutenant, with the title of captain of militia, alferez, and sergeant, the said settlement being limited to four squad corporals and alguazil de guerra, who shall go out on scouting expeditions with the said captain of militia and the other officers, alternating every month, and they shall have this style and form of government for their protection, and they shall be under civil and military government because of being on the frontier, and in order that the said Spanish Mexicans may be informed of the grant of the said villa nueva made to them, I direct that the same shall be published in the said form, in order that they may acknowledge in due form that I, the said governor and captain-general, have received them in this said kingdom and that I have favored them in proportion to my respectful appreciacion of the promise contained in the proclamation ordered to be published by his excellency the said viceroy, the Conde de Calve, as in it he promised them and directed that I should be ordered to give them lands on which to settle, and I give them all with appreciable improvements, since I have given them cleared and broken lands and of known fertility, with their drains and irrigating ditches and dams in good condition and with the irrigation secured, and also new houses, because the said pueblo is new, and they have nothing to do but to go and live in them and to make use of the lands which I will designate for them, granting ranches and farms to those who may prefer the same, in order to allow them more room and allow for others settlers who may come in, and which the King our master may be pleased to send, and also those which I, the said governor and captain-general, may deem it proper to send to settle there, and this will also be done with people who may voluntarily ask for a grant, and who may be designated as settlers of the said town, in order that they may enjoy the privileges and rights of the same; and in order that it may so appear and that they may be ready to leave this city of Santa Fe I appoint Thursday, at ten o'clock in the morning, and I will then have in the plaza of this city the packmules which I now have, and I will also furnish some horses to mount, in part, those who may need them, and I will aid them in all

things, assuring them that a ration of beef and corn shall not be wanting, as well as half a fanega of corn to each family for planting  
 84 which I promise to give them, and also implements, such as picks, shovels, hoes, and axes, until those ordered by his excellency the viceroy from the contractors shall arrive, and there shall also be forwarded to their alcalde mayor and war captain, who may be appointed, a supply of firearms, powder, and ball, in order that they may be provided with all that is necessary; and in order that this said proclamation and that which is set forth in it may serve them as a foundation and sufficient title, I order that it be published in military style, with music by the band, and in the presence of the leaders and officers and my lieutenant-governor and captain-general, and also that part of the illustrious council which is in this city, and its notary, and of my civil and military secretary, and that it be published in the inner and the outer plazas; and I signed it in this said city of Santa Fe on the nineteenth day of the month of April, one thousand six hundred and ninety-five.

DIEGO DE VARGAS ZAPATA LUJAN PONZE DE LEON. [Rubric.]  
 By order of the governor and captain-general:

ALPHONSSO RUEL DE AGUILAR, [Rubric.]  
*Civil and Military Secretary.*

In this city of Santa Fe, on the nineteenth day of the month of April of the year one thousand six hundred and ninety-five, I, Captain Alphonss Rael de Aguilar, civil and military secretary, certify that on this day this said proclamation was published in the two public plazas of this city in the presence of a large concourse of people in the same and in a loud and intelligible voice by Sebastian Rodriguez, negro drummer, and in order that it may so appear I signed it.

ALPHONSSO RUEL DE AGUILAR, [Rubric.]  
*Civil and Military Secretary.*

85 The Mexican settlers destined *destined* for the villa nueva de Santa Cruz depart from Santa Fe.

On the twenty-first day of the present month of April of the said year of one thousand six hundred and ninety-five, at the hour designated in the proclamation granting the title of villa nueva de Santa Cruz de los Espanoles Mexicanos del Rey Nuestro Senor Don Carlos Segundo, the sixty families now in this city of Santa Fe departed at nine o'clock in the morning to settle, as provided in the said proclamation, and, in order that it may so appear, I signed it with my civil and military secretary.

DIEGO DE VARGAS ZAPATA LUJAN PONZE DE LEON. [Rubric.]  
 Before me:

ALPHONSSO RUEL DE AGUILAR,  
*Civil and Military Secretary.* [Rubric.]

86 Arrival at the villa nueva de Santa Cruz.

On the twenty-second day of the month of April of said date and year I, the said governor and captain-general, Don Diego de Vargas Zapata Lujan Ponze de Leon, of this Kingdom and Provinces of New Mexico,

by His Majesty, arrived at this villa de Santa Cruz de los Mexicanos Espanoles del Rey Nuestro Senor Don Carlos Segundo, so named and placed by me the said governor and captain-general, its site and settlement having been vacated by my order by the Thanos tribe, formerly of the pueblo of San Lazaro, and having given it the title and placed it under the protection of the Holy Cross, and they having already arrived with their alcalde mayor and war captain appointed, and the other officers named in the said proclamation, and with the title of villa published in the same, and ordered to be published on the nineteenth day of the present month and year, and they being drawn up in line with their said captain and other officers designated and appointed, and they were at the entrance of the plaza of the said villa, and dismounting there near the chapel which served as a church for the natives of the said pueblo, and having ordered the settlers to form in a half circle at my side, the royal alferez being in front with the royal standard with my lieutenant-governor and my civil and military secretary, I directed the said alcalde mayor and war captain, Major Antonio Jorge, his lieutenant and captain of militia, Sergeant Nicolas Ortiz, and his ensign, Joseph Valdez, and Sergeant Manuel Ballejo and Antonio Godinez, Alguacil de Guerra and the four squad corporals, Joseph del Balle, Sebastian de Salas, Miguel Fajardo, and

Bustos, to step forward from the said line, all of whom were appointed as the government politic and military, the said villa being on the frontier, by me the said governor and captain-general.

#### Possession given of the said villa and oath made.

And I required and directed that they should make the usual oath accepting the said place and settlement, the nueva villa of their own nation of the Mexicanos Espanoles del Rey Nuestro Senor Don Carlos Segundo, and as loyal vassals to maintain and preserve it, even at the expense of their lives, to which they responded under said oath that they accepted the same and that they would obey and keep the same; and I again made them the grant under the said acceptance and oath, revalidating to them their lands which belong to them and the boundaries set forth, and which limit the pueblos mentioned in the said proclamation of grant, and also the farms and ranches included within their district and jurisdiction without prejudice to the boundaries of the lands which belong

to each one; and also, in order to encourage them, I made them a grant  
87 of all the minerals which might be found in the Chimayo mountain

range according as they might discover them and that I would carry out and observe the royal ordinances of His Majesty, and that they be of good heart and keep up their courage and that on my part I would assist them; and there being present the reverend father, Fray Francisco de Vargas, ecclesiastical judge in capite of this said kingdom and its custodio in this said custodia and concourse, and having in his company the reverend father preacher missionary, Fray Antonio Moreno, whom he had chosen as guardian and minister, I, the said governor and captain-general, said to the said settlers that he being the chaplain of His Majesty appointed and named him as their guardian and as such I gave him possession of the said chapel in order that until they rebuilt their church it might serve them as such, and thus I gave possession of the same to the said

reverend father, leading him into the same by the hand, and he arranged the altar, going in and out; and for the greater formality and force of the said possession and oath made in regard to the said villa, I left my said place with my said royal alferez and my lieutenant, directing my royal alferez to place himself in the centre of the plaza, together with my civil and military secretary, in order that he might proclaim that he defended and sustained the possession given by favor of His Majesty at the said granted place and tract with the limits and boundaries given and granted by me the said governor and captain-general, in the said royal name, to the said settlers with the honorary title of villa nueva de los Espanoles Mexicanos del Rey Nuestro Senor Don Carlos Segundo; that he came out to defend it as he would defend it with his life, and thus with his drawn sword in his hand he would sustain and did sustain it against all who might oppose it; and I, the said governor and captain-general, with all present, cried out all together, as loyal vassals of His Majesty, saying, "Long live the King our lord, whom may God preserve, the Senor Don Carlos II, King of the Spaniards and of all this New World and this new town of the Mexicans and Spaniards, and which in his royal name was founded with the title of villa nueva de los Mexicanos y Espanoles, and increased, founded, and settled in the interest of his Royal Crown, may he live for many years and reign over greater domains and monarchies;" and having repeated the said acclamation three times, throwing up our hats, three volleys were fired at the same time, in congratulation upon the installation of the said settlers with such honor and demonstrations of appreciation and jubilee; and they asked me as a favor that I would give them a certified copy and that I would order that they be given the same of the said possession as well as of the proclamation and the quality of the title

specified in the same in order that they might hold the same as such  
88 for the said villa; and in order that it may so appear, they signed

it with me the aforesaid, together with my lieutenant-governor and captain-general and my civil and military secretary.

DON DIEGO DE VARGAS ZAPATA LUJAN PONZE DE LEON.  
LUIS GRANILLO.

[Rubrie.]

SERGEANT MANL. BALLEJO.

[Rubrie.]

ANTONIO BALVERDE DE COSSIO.

[Rubrie.]

The Alferez Real: ANTONIO JORGE.

[Rubrie.]

Before me:

ALPHONSSO RAEI DE AGUILAR,

[Rubrie.]

*Civil and Military Secretary.*

89 The governor and captain-general leaves orders with the said lieutenant-general to partition the separate tracts belonging to the said settlement.

In this city of Santa Fe, on the twenty-third day of the month of April of the year one thousand six hundred and ninety-five, I, the said governor and captain-general, my personal presence being necessary in the city of Santa Fe, and I having to go to the pueblos of San Cristoval and Nambe, I order and I leave orders with my lieutenant-governor and captain-general that the separate lands of the district and limits of the said villa nueva de Santa Cruz, the settlers having been assembled and

it having been ascertained which of them have received and have been favored with grants of the tracts and ranches already surveyed, to those to whom such grants have not been made the said separate lands shall be given, marking off for each settler and his family that which may be found to be sufficient for the planting of one-half a fanega of maize, and in it he may plant such other seed as he may have, and the said partition shall be made in such manner as to satisfy the said settlers, and of the lands that may be left over an account shall be made to me, and in order that the said order may appear in this said decree I made it a part of the proceedings, and I signed it, with my civil and military secretary.

DON DIEGO DE VARGAS ZAPATA LUJAN PONZE DE LEON. [Rubrie.]

Before me:

ALPHONSSO RAEI DE AGUILAR, [Rubrie.]  
*Civil and Military Secretary.*

90 Arrival of the said governor and captain-general at the pueblo of San Cristoval, and he again requires the native Thanos of the same to plant their crops and to carry their harvest to the new pueblo which they shall build on the said tract of Chimayo, in order that he may settle the said pueblo with Spaniards in the month of October.

And immediately thereafter, on the said day, month, and year of the date, I, the said governor and captain-general, having repeated to the said Spanish Mexicans of the said Villa Nueva de Santa Cruz the said order, I bade them good-bye and proceeded to the said pueblo of San Cristoval, in the plaza of which place all its people were assembled, together with those who had been settled at the said villa nueva, and I confirmed the grant which I had made to them in giving permission to pass this summer on the same and to plant their crops on its lands, and required of them that the crops which God our Lord might be pleased to permit them to gather they should at once carry to the new pueblo, which during this summer they would have to rebuild, since in the month of October they would have to occupy it, leaving that of San Cristoval vacant in order that I might settle it with Spaniards, as I had already informed them, and they replied that they would so do; and I having again confirmed the grant made in their favor of the said tract of Chimayo, I bade them good-bye, leaving them happy; and in order that it may appear of record I made it a part of the proceedings, and I signed it, with my civil and military secretary.

DON DIEGO DE VARGAS ZAPATA LUJAN PONZE DE LEON. [Rubrie.]

Before me:

ALPHONSSO RAEI DE AGUILAR, [Rubrie.]  
*Civil and Military Secretary.*

91 The said governor and captain-general proceeds to the pueblo of Nambe, and in it gives possession to the minister missionary, who remains there as doctrinarian.

On the said day, the twenty-third of April, of the said year, I, the said governor and captain-general, the very reverend father custodian,

Fray Franciso de Vargas, having appointed a minister doctrinarian to the mission of the Teguas of the pueblo of Nambe, proceeded with him to give him the possession, and, having entered the said pueblo, its people were assembled to receive me with all politeness, and they being in front of the principal site where they had the chapel and the house adjoining the same for the said minister, I dismounted, and, through the interpreter, I told them that I had come to install the father who was to aid them and administer the holy sacraments, he being the reverend father preacher, Antonio de Azevedo, and in the said form I gave him possession of the said chapel and house, and in testimony of the same I directed that the doxology, &c., be prayed and sung three times, and I ordered the said Indians to aid him in all things and to fulfil their obligations as Christians and to fail in nothing; and in order that the said possession and the reply of the said natives that they would comply with and obey all that I had ordered might appear of record, I signed it, with my civil and military secretary.

DON DIEGO DE VARGAS ZAPATA LUJAN PONZE DE LEON. [Rubric.]

Before me :

ALPHONSSO RAEEL DE AGUILAR, [Rubric.]  
*Civil and Military Secretary.*

92 Arrival of the families which by order of his excellency the Conde de Galve were procured and obtained by Captain Juan Paez Hurtado, chief commissioner, appointed by me, the said governor and captain-general.

In this city of Santa Fe, the capital of this kingdom and provinces of New Mexico, on the ninth day of the month of May of the present year of one thousand six hundred and ninety-five, there arrived at this city of Sante Fe, capital which it is of this kingdom and provinces of New Mexico, the families which by order of his excellency the viceroy, the Conde de Galve, with the approval of the general committee of the ministers of the royal treasury and war, in March of the past year of one thousand six hundred and ninety-four, ordered me, the said governor and captain-general of this kingdom, to send a chief commissioner possessing my confidence, to be appointed by me, and Captain Juan Paez Hurtado possessing the same, I gave him the commission and appointment in order that he might carry out the said orders of his excellency the said viceroy, and he proceeded to the kingdom of Gallicia and the Real de Zacatecas and other places, and the families which he procured were forty-four, according to the list made of the same and which I, the said governor and captain-general, received in person, and in the presence of the said captain chief commissioner I gave them lodgings in the said city in the houses which the settlers now at the villa nueva de Santa Cruz had occupied, and in or' that the said arrival may appear of record I signed it, with the said captain chief commissioner and my civil and military secretary.

DON DIEGO DE VARGAS ZAPATA LUJAN PONZE DE LEON .[Rubric.]

Before me :

ALPHONSSO RAEEL DE AGUILAR, [Rubric.]  
*Civil and Military Secretary.*

## Act of transmittal.

In this said city of Santa Fe, on the said day of the date May nine and year one thousand six hundred and ninety-five, I, the said governor and captain-general, Don Diego de Vargas Zapata Lujan Ponze de Leon, having examined these proceedings, in order that his excellency the viceroy, Cond' de Galve, which he is of all this kingdom of New Spain, may be informed of what has been done in this said kingdom in the royal service, in which I, the said governor and captain-general, have devoted the care and attention necessary for his satisfaction, and in order to make transmittal of the same I directed my civil and military secretary to make a literal copy of the said proceedings, as well as of the letter of transmittal with this said decree, in order that being, copied and compared in due form the same transmitted and forwarded to his excellency the said viceroy, and more particularly because the courrier despatched on the fourteenth of January of the present year has not returned and the cause of his delay is not known. And I signed it in this said city of Sante Fe on the said day, month, and year, with my civil and military secretary.

DON DIEGO DE VARGAS ZAPATA LUJAN PONZE DE LEON. [Rubric.]

Before me:

ALPHONSSO RAEEL DE AGUILAR, [Rubric.]  
*Civil and Military Secretary.*

## 94 MOST EXCELLENT SIR.

SIR: Captain Juan Paez Hurtado, chief commissioner appointed by me to bring the families which by order of your excellency he procured and obtained in the city of Zacatecas, having arrived at this city of Santa Fe and having entered the plaza of the same to the number of forty-four families, which I received and inspected personally, I going to the said plaza for the purpose, and also to lodge them in the houses which were vacated by the sixty Mexican families which your excellency also sent for the settlement of this kingdom, and having succeeded in all that which I might and could desire for the royal service of His Majesty in the villa nueva, de Santa Cruz de los Vecinos Mexicanos del Rey Nuestro Señor Don Carlos Segundo in a pueblo which the rebels of the Thanos tribe had newly founded on lands which had belonged to Spaniards, and by the means which I devised for the accomplishment of this difficult enterprise I succeeded, as will be shown by the orders and proceedings had, of which I forward a certified copy to your excellency, and this, upon examination and consideration, will prove to your excellency that I have been successful, and that I have secured at a short distance another larger town of the said tribe which is vacant and free, and I have secured it for the month of October, when, God willing, I will found and settle another town with these said families which we have received and lodged to-day in this city of Santa Fe, and I will see that both shall plant crops in order that they may be relieved from receiving rations as at present and living on the generosity and magnificence of your excellency, and it is very true that the transportation of maize to this city has caused me much trouble because of the distance of the kingdom of New Biscay and of there being no resources any nearer.

I am anxious and troubled because the courier whom I despatched on the fourteenth of January of the present year to your excellency has not returned, and this also induces me to send this despatch, in order that I may ascertain the reason of his delay or know whether he has been robbed or murdered; and I beg that your excellency will send me duplicates of the orders and despatches which your excellency may have been pleased to forward to me by the said courier in order that I may on my part duly execute the same; and I also hope that your excellency has received the reply of His Majesty the King our master, whom may God preserve, in order that with the same your excellency may decide upon the reply to my

95 letters of consultation forwarded by your excellency to the supreme and royal council of the Indies, as in this expectation

I have delayed the said settlers in order that through its means they may be assured of their establishment; and two missions have also been established, Nambe and the said villa nueva, the doctrinal father serving the united pueblo of the said Thanos.

While I was absent from this city there arrived a band of Apaches from the east, who are called Chiyenes, and they told in the town at which they arrived, which is of the Picuries tribe, how some men, white and light-haired, had destroyed a very large tribe of the Apaches Conejeros, living much further inland than their own. The Chiyenes then returned whence they came. This was told to me by the alcalde mayor and the father minister, who came to see me, and I having asked the alcalde mayor why he had not detained them, he replied that the leader of the band had said that he would return with all his people in September, and if God will permit me to live until his return I will hear what he has to say and judge of it accordingly, and I did not wish to omit to give your excellency this information, together with the above, as I desire to serve your excellency in all things; and may God preserve your excellency for many happy years. Done in Santa Fe, on the ninth day of the month of May, one thousand six hundred and ninety-five.

Most excellent sir, &c.,

DON DIEGO DE VARGAS ZAPATA LUJAN PONZE DE LEON. [Rubrie.]

1714. (Sello.) Un quartillo. No. 366. Sello quarto, un quartillo, anos de mil setecientos y onze, y doze, y treze, y setecientos, y eatorze. Un quartillo. (Sello.)

Dn. Ferdo. de Alencaster Norona y Silva, Duque de Linares, Marqs. de Valdefuentes, Conde de Gonca y Porto Alegre, commendador mr. del Order de Santio. en el Rno. de Portugal, Gentil homre. de la Camara de S. M. de su Consso. Virey, Govr. y Capn. Gral. de esta Na. Espa. y Presidre. de la Rl. Auga, della, &c.

Por quanto Su Magd. (que Dios ge.) se sirvio expedir la real cedula del tenor siguiente—el rey. Por quanto estando dispuesto pr. ordenanzas y leyes de Yndias y con especialidad por la octava libro terzero de la recopilacion de ellas que a las nuevas reducciones y pueblos que se formaren de Yndios, se les de sitio que tenga comodidad de aguas, tierras, montes, salidas y entradas para que hagan sus labranzas y un egido de

una legua donde pasten sus ganados sin que puedan rebolverse con los de los Españoles se me ha ynformado se falta enteramente á esta dispozition en todas las misiones de la Nueva España pues gobernadores y encomendadores no sole no les dan tierras a los Yndios pa. que formen sus pueblos sino que si las tienen se las quitan con biolencia dendiendoles sus hijos como esclavos y trayendo sus mugeres á sus cassas á que les sirban empleandolas en hilar, tejer y labrar sin pagarlas su travajo con que se aniquilan los pueblos que se han fundado á costa de grandes travajos de los misioneros siendo motivo de que no puedan administrarlos ni enseñarlos la doctrina y consiquientemente formarles pueblos de los muchos que se hicieran en las nuevas conbersiones si los gobernadores y encomendadores atendieran al cumplimto. de la expresa ley y obligacion de sus empleos y no

al de dus propios intereses, por tanto por la presente mando á mi

97 Virrey de la Nueva España audiencia y gobernadores de ella que  
en inteligencia del desagrado que me han causado estas notizias  
cuiden en lo adelante del remedio de este pernizioso abuso y castigo de los  
transgresores de las expresadas leyes y que en conformad. y observancia  
de ellas pongan todo su mayor desbelo y eficazia en que se de a los refe-  
ridos Yndios rezien combertidos las tierras exidos y aguas que les estan  
conzedidas y que por ningun motivo se puedan balar de ellos ni de los  
hijos ni mugeres para el servizio personal sino que sea voluntario en  
ellos y pagandoles el jornal que fuere estilo por combenir asi al servicio  
de Dios y mio, teniendo entendido que de lo contrario pasare á tomar  
severa resolucion y del recivo de esta despacho y haberlo hecho notorio  
para su cumplimiento en las partes que combenga, y de lo que resultaze  
de las providenzias que aplicaren me daran quenta en la primera ocasion  
que se ofreza para hallarme enterado. Fha. en Madrid a quinze de Octubre  
de mil setezientos y treze. Yo el Rey. Por mandado del Rey Nro.  
Señor, Dn. Diego de Morales Velasco, señalada con quattro rubricas. Y  
habiendose obedezido por mi dha. rl. cedula en quattro del correte.  
Mande que para la exaccion y cumplimto. de lo dispuesto por Su Magd.  
se llevase al señor fiscal, que vista su respuesta con que me conformé.  
Por el presente mando al governr. y capn. gral. de la provinzia de la  
Nuova Mexico guarde, cumpla y execute prezisa y puntualmente el con-  
tenido de dha. real cedula procurando por todos medios que a los Yndios  
rezien combertidos se les den las tierras, exidos y aguas que por leyes  
reales les estan conzedidas sin permitir se balgan ninguna persona de  
dhos. hijos ni mugeres para el servizio personal sino que sea voluntario y  
pagandoles en este caso el jornal que fuese estilo celando y cuidando el  
cumplimiento de lo mandado por Su Magd. por convenir asi al servicio  
de Dios y del Rey devajo de la pena de quinientos pesos que se les sacaran  
irremisiblemente. Mexico veinte y dos de Octubre de mill setezientos y  
catroze años.

98 EL DUQUE DE LINARES. [Rubrica.]  
Por mdo. de su exa.: CARLOS ROMERO DE LA VEGA. [Rubrica.]

Assbo. dos fas.

Ve, en obedezimto. de real cedula Mda. al Govr. de la Na. Mexco.  
y de cumpla y execute la rl. cedula de S. M. que prebiene la observanzia  
de los Yndios recien combertidos.

(Seal.) One quarter. Seal fourth, one quarter, for the years one thousand seven hundred and eleven and twelve and thirteen, and seven hundred and fourteen. One quarter. (Seal.)

Don Fernando de Alencaster Norona and Silva, Duke of Linares, Marquis of Valdefuentes, Count of Gomea and Porto Alegre, Knight Commander of the Order of Santiago in the Kingdom of Portugal, Gentleman of the Bedchamber and audiencee of His Majesty, Viceroy Governor and Captain-General of New Spain and President of the Royal Audience thereof.

Whereas His Majesty (whom may God preserve) has been pleased to issue the royal decree in the following terms—The King. Whereas, the ordinances and laws of the Indies, and especially the eighth, book third of the Recopilation of the same, provide that locations with sufficient water, land, timber, entrances, and exits for cultivation be given to the settlements and towns (pueblos) of Yndians which may be formed, and a common of one league, where they can pasture their cattle without their being mixed with those of the Spaniards; and whereas we have been informed that these ordinances are not complied with in any of their provisions in all the missions of New Spain, the governors and agents not

only refusing neglecting to give lands to the Indians in order that 100 they may form towns, pueblos, but even deprive those whom have

of them by force, selling their children as slaves and taking their women to their houses as servants, employing them to spin, weave, and labor, without remunerating them for their labor, depopulating in this manner the pueblos that have been established at the cost of so much labor by the missionaries, who are prevented from administering to them and teaching them the doctrine, and consequently preventing the formation of pueblos by the many Indians recently converted, which would be the case were the governors and agents to comply with the aforesaid law and discharge the duties of their office, instead of attending to their private interests. Therefore by these presents we direct my viceroy of New Spain, the audience and governors of the same, that in view of the displeasure which this information has caused us that in future they provide a remedy for this pernicious abuse and punish the transgressors of the aforesaid laws, and that in the compliance and fulfillment of the same they use their best endeavors and zeal, in order that the lands, water, and pastures granted to them be given to the aforesaid recently converted Indians, and that in no case whatsoever are they, their children, or women to be used in service without their consent and the payment of the customary price for labor, such being agreeable to the service of God and of ourselves, with the assurance that if not complied with we will proceed to use severe measures; and of the receipt of this decree and of the publication of such portions as may be necessary to be complied with and of

the result of the measures adopted report will be made to us by 101 the first opportunity, in order that I may be informed. Done at

Madrid on the fifteenth day of October, one thousand seven hundred and thirteen. I the King. By order of the King, our Sovereign, Don Diego de Morales Velasco, countersigned with four rubries. And said royal decree having been obeyed by me on the *on the* fourth instant

I directed that for the performance and fulfillment of the mandate of His Majesty it be taken to the attorney-general (fiscal), and having seen his answer, with which I am satisfied, I by these presents direct the governor and captain-general of the province of New Mexico to obey, perform, and execute, punctually and faithfully, the contents of said royal decree, and to use every means, in order that the newly converted Indians receive the lands, waters, and commons which are granted to them by the royal ordinances, without permitting any person to use their children or women for private service without their free consent, paying them in such event the customary price for their labor, being zealous and careful of the performance of the mandate of His Majesty, such being agreeable to the service of God and His Majesty, under the penalty of five hundred dollars to be irrecoverably forfeited. Mexico, October twenty-second, in the year one thousand seven hundred and fourteen.

(Signed)

THE DUKE OF LINARES. [Rubrie.]

By order of His Excellency:

(Signed)

CARLOS ROMO DE LA VEGA. [Rubrie.]

(Rubrie.)

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Dn. Juan Baptista de Anza, Coronel de Cavalleria de los Rs. Extos. de Su Magd., Gobernador y Comte de la Prova. del Nuevo Mex'co.

Por quanto con fha. de 24 de enero del ultimo año anterior de ha servido dirigirme el Sor. Comte. Gral. la supor. decision del tenor siguiente:

**SEÑOR COMANDANTE GRAL.:** Por las Leyes 21 y 22, Tito. 3, Lib. 6, de la Recopilacion de estos Reynos se prohibe, y defiende, que en las reducciones, y pueblos de Yndios, puedan vivir, ó vivan Espanoles, negros, mulatos, ó mestizos, por haverse experimentado que algunos espanoles que tratan, tragan, viven, y andan entre los Yndios, son hombres inquietos, y de mal vivir, ladrones, jugadores, viciosos, y gente perdida, y que por huir los Yndios de ser agravados, dexan los Yndios sus pueblos, y

provincias, y los negros, mulatos, y mestizos a demas de tratarlos mal se sirven de ellos, les enseñan sus malas costumbres y ociosidades, y tambien algunos herrores, y vicios, que les pueden estragar, y pervertir el fruto que se desea en orden á su salvacion, aumento, y quietud; por cuyas razones se previene que sean castigados con graves penas, y no consentidos en los pueblos de los Yndios; y que los virreyes, presidentes, gobernadores, y justicias tengan mucho cuidado de hacerlo executar asi donde por sus personas pudiesen, y en las demas partes, valiendose de ministros de toda integridad cuya prohibicion se estiende, aun quando los Espanoles, mestizos, y mulatos hayan comprado tierras en los pueblos de los Yndios, y sus terminos por haber sido, su residencia en ellos, la causa principal de las opresiones, y molestias que padecian, dispensando unicamente que los mestizos, y zambaigos hijos de Yndios nacidos entre ellos, y que han de heredar sus casas, y haciendas puedan vivir en sus pueblos por ser cosa dura separarlos de sus padres; cuyas providencias encarga muy particu-

Cordillera.

Villa de Sta. Fe.

Ydem de la Cañada.

Alcada. de Taos.

Ydm. de los Queres.

Ydm. de la Alameda.

Ydm. de Alburquerque.

Ydm. de la Laguna.

Passo del Norte.

A Sta. Fe.

larmte. la Ley 1<sup>a</sup>, Tito. 4, Lib. 7, á los Virreyes, Presidentes, y  
103 Gobernadores que las hagan guardar, y cumplir.

El vando expedido por el Govor. del Nuevo Mexico D. Juan Baptista de Anza de que hace relazn. el R. P. Fr. Juan Bermejo, parece ser conforme á la disposicion de las citadas leyes, y estando encargado de su observancia y cumplimiento, ha podido, y devido executarlo, mayormente quando segun expone el mismo padre ha procedido á ello en virtud de quexas de los Yndios, y por haver dado justos motivos para ser separados de sus pueblos algunos Espanoles, mulatos, ó mestizos qe. residian en ellos en calidad de sirvientes de los padres ministros.

No admite duda, y antes bien es hecho constante y notorio, que las referidas leyes no han tenido, ni estan en observancia en la basta extensión de las provincias que abraza este nuevo govierno, en que apenas se encuentra mision, ó pueblo de Yndios, donde no vivan avecindados algunos Espanoles, mestizos, mulatos, y demas castas, que llaman de razon; y buscando el origen de esta permision, ó tolerancia, tengo presente haver visto una executoria expedida por la real audiencia de Guadalaxara en contraditorio juicio, declarando que la prohibicion contenida en ellas, no se estiende á los pueblos de Yndios situados en las fronteras, y hostilizados por los enemigos, en qe. lexos de ser perjudicial á los naturales el establecimiento, y residencia de los Espanoles, y gente de razon, les produce entre otros beneficios, el de la defensa que no podrian hacer por si solos, y el de que á su imitazn. y exemplo aprehendan á cultivar la tierra, y á aprovecharse de sus frutos y crias de que carecerian muchos, si la imitacion, y buen exemplo no les estimulase á tenerlas.

En la ynstrucion expedida en el Real de los Alamos á 23 de junio de 1769, por el Exmo. Señor D. Joseph de Galvez, Visitador Gral. que á la sason era de este reyno, despues de prevenir las reglas con que devian repartirse á los Yndios las tierras de sus pueblos, y hacerse las cuentas, ó matriculas de tributarios, dispuso en el Arto. 11, que las sobrantes, y realengas que quedasen fuera del termino de quatro leguas concedido á

cada uno se repartiesen, y merecienasen a los legitimos Espanoles  
104 les que huviese establecidos, ó que quisiesen avecindarse en los mismos pueblos; por dirigirse las soberanas, y piadosas intenciones de S. M. a que los Espanoles, é Yndios vivan hermanados en sociedad, trato y comercio, para que reciprocamente se auxilien, y amen, como deven, desviando de los Yndios por este justo, y honroso medio las malas alianzas, y comunicaciones coñ otras castas, que tanto les perjudican. Y en el Arto. 13, dispuso igualmente que por hallarse establecidos en algunos pueblos de naturales otros vecinos de diferentes castas llamados comunmente de razon, concedia facultad á los comisarios repartidores, para que sin perjuicio de los naturales pudiesen señalarles iguales suertes que á estos, siempre que los curas, ministros, ó gobernadores Yndios les informasen, que los tales vecines de razon no eran perjudiciales en los pueblos donde estuviesen establecidos, como regularmente sucede; y en el caso de no ser conveniente dexarlos en ellos, mando les hiciesen saber, que dentro de un mes mudasen su residencia á las villas ó pueblos de espanoles mas inmediatos, donde se les daria establecimiento, entregandoles el correspondiente mandamiento, para que asi lo ejecutasen, y se presentasen á los juezes res. de forma que asi por

la citada executoria, como por los referidos capítulos de la ynstrucion del Exmo. Señor D. Joseph de Galvez, parece haberse explicado, ó moderado la disposicion general de las expresadas Leyes 21 y 22, Tito. 3, Lib. 6, contrayendo unicamente su prohibicion á los Espanoles, mestizos, mulatos, y zambaiigos ociosos, vagamundos, y no casados que viven en los pueblos de Yndios, y les hacen daños, agravios, y molestias intolerables, los quales devuen ser hechados de ellos, y obligados a que trabajen en sus oficios, los que los tuvieren, ó que aprehendan alguno, ó se pongan á servir para que no sean gravosos á la Republica, como lo previenen las Leyes 1<sup>a</sup>. y 2<sup>a</sup>, Tito. 4<sup>o</sup>, Lib. 7, de la Recopilacion.

Y siendo estas las ultimas providencias que rigen en la materia, y que por no hallarse recopiladas, y no han podido tenerlas presentes el Gobernador del Nuevo Mexico: me parece, que á fin de que instruido de ellas las haga cumplir, guardar y ejecutar, podra V. S. si fuer servido

acordar, y mandar se le pase orden para que no impida, que se establezcan, avecinden, y vivan en los pueblos de Yndios los 105 legítimos Espanoles casados que tuviesen bienes raízes, ó oficio de que mantenerse en ellos, sin causar molestias, ni ser gravosos á los naturales, y que lo mismo execute por lo respectivo á los mulatos, mestizos, zambaiigos y demás castas que llaman de razon, siempre que por informes de los R. R. P. P. ministros de los gobernadores de los mismos pueblos, y de los justicias de sus respectivos partidos, le constare no ser perjudiciales, ni gravosos á los naturales; expeliendo, y haciendo salir de entre ellos á los solteros ociosos, vagamundos, y gente de mal vivir, á quienes obligara á que pasen á residir en los pueblos, y villa de Espanoles, y á que en ellos exersan sus oficios, si los tuviesen, ó en su defecto los aprehendan, se pongan á servir, ó se dediquen á la agricultura, persiguiendo, y castigando con todo rigor á los que se mantuvieren en su vida licenciosa, y vagamunda para evitar el mal exemplo, y demás perjuicios que resultan á la Republica, ó resolvera V. S. sin embargo sobre todo lo que fuere de su agrado. Arispe, 23 de Enero de 1783.

GALINDO NAVARRO.

Arispe, 24 de Enero de 1783. Como parece al Aseior, remitiendose copia de su dictamen, y de este decreto al Govr. Dn. Juan Baptista de Anza, y dandose aviso de la providencia al P. Custodio Fr. Juan Bermejo.

DE CROIX.

Arispe, 24 de Henero de 1783, son copias de sus originales de que certifico.

CHRISTOBAL CORVALAN.

Y á efecto de poner en practica lo mandado observar en el presedente supor. decreto mando que haciendose publico y notorio este vando en todas las jurisdicciones de esta prova, y pueblos de Yndios asi sus correspondientes gobernadores, y alcaldes mayores procederan con la precisa brevedad a informarme de las circunstancias de conducta, vienes raízes, oficios y estado con que subsisten las familias ó yndividuos que tengan residencia en los enunciados pueblos de Yndios: Lo que ygualmte. ruego y encargo á sus respectivos P. P. ministros al qual intento les han manifiesto este los expreados alcaldes mayores, para en consideracion de

los ynfornmes que devén proceder determinaran lo que convenga teniendo entendido que se devén exceptuar de lo prevenido, los pueblos de Taos y Abiquiu en cuyos vezindarios por lo tanto, y como siempre no se hará novedad, mas por lo perteneciente á los que en ellos haia de vida licenciosa, que causen escandalos, malos tratamientos y gravamenes á los Yndios, de luego á luego providenciaran los precipitados justicias maiores á poner en execucion lo que sobre ellos se manda; y fha la incinuada publicacion para que llegue a noticia de todos losabitares de esta prova, puesta razon de ella por el untimo justicia mayor lo debolbera a mi poder para archivarlo donde corresponde. Así lo providencie, mande, y firme en esta villa de Sta. Fe en treze dias del mes de Marzo de mil setecientos ochenta y quatro años ante los ynfarescriptos testigos de mi assa, a falta de escrivano publico ni rl. por no haverlo en todo este govierno, de que doy fe.

JUAN BAPTA. DE ANZA. [Rúbrica.]

Assa.: VIZTA. FRANCOSO. [Rúbrica.]

Assa.: FRANCO. PEREZ SERRANO. [Rúbrica.]

Villa de Sta. Fee y Marzo 18 de 84 años.

Se publico el antecedente Bando por mi, Dn. Antto. Jose Ortiz, con todas las solemnidades acostumbradas y para que conste lo firme en dha. villa dho. dia, mes y año.

ANTTO. JOSE ORTIZ. [Rúbrica.]

Villa de Sta. Cruz de la Cañada y Marzo 25 de 1784.

En cumplimto. de lo mandado en el bando que antesede yo, Dn. Jose Campo Redondo, alede. mor. y captn. á grra. de dha. villa, lo publique en ella, y en los demas partidos y pueblos de mi cargo; y por qe. conste lo firmo y sigue segun el orden de su cordillera; de qe. doy fee.

JOSE CAMPO REDONDO. [Rúbrica.]

San Geronimo de Taos, y Abril 6 de 1784.

Se publico este bando por mi, Dn. Christobal Vigil, alcalde mayor y capn. a guerra de dho. pueblo, con todas las solemnidades acostumbradas, y para que conste lo firme en dho. pueblo dho. dia, mes y año.

CHRISTOBAL VIGIL. [Rúbrica.]

107 En este pueblo de Sto. Domingo de lo Queras en veinte y quattro dias del mes de Abril de 1784 años, en obedecimiento de lo mandado, en el bando que antecede, yo, Dn. Anto. de Armenta, alcalde mayr. y capitán aggra. de dhos. Pueblos, publique en este y en los demas que pertenecen a mi cargo, con todas las formalidades acostumbradas y para que conste lo firme en dicho pueblo dho. dia, mes y año; de que doi fee.

ANTONIO DE ARMENTA. [Rúbrica.]

En este pueblo de San Carlos de la Lameda, en siete dias del mes de Mayo de 1784 años, en obedecimiento de lo mandado en el bando que antecede, yo, el alcalde mayor y cappn. a guerra, Dn. Nereo Antto. Montoya, hice publicar el dho. con todas las formalidades acostumbradas en todos los partidos de mi cargo y para que conste lo firme en dho. dia, mes y año; de que doi fee.

NEREO ANTTO. MONTOYA. [Rúbrica.]

Villa de Sn. Phelipe de Alburquerque y Maio quinse de mil setestos, ochenta y quattro años, en obedesimiento de lo mandado en el bando que antesede, yo, el alce. mayor y capn. á Gueea. Dn. Manuel de Aetenga, hise publicarlo en esta y en los demas partidos de cargo con todas las soledades acostumbradas y para su constancia lo firme.

MAN. DE ARTEAGA. [Rúbrica.]

En este pueblo de Sor. Sn. Jose de la Laguna en 9 dias del mes de Junio, se publico el bando qe, antesede con todas las formalidades acostumbradas y para qe. coste su obedecimiento lo firme en este año de 1784; de qe. doi fe.

FRANCO. LOBERA, [Rúbrica.]  
Alede. Maor.

Pueblo de Nuestra Sra. de Guadalupe del Paso del Rio del Norte, y Agosto 22 de 1784.

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| <i>Cordillera.</i>         | Este dia se publico en dho. pueblo el bando antecedente con las formalidades acostumbradas, y mando   |
| <b>Sn. Lorenzo del Rl.</b> | á los justicias de los pueblos de esta jurisdiccion   |
| Seneceu.                   | egecuten lo mismo poniendo a continuacion la razon  |
| <b>108 Ysleta.</b>         | de haberlo hecho, asi mismo les ordeno a dhos. justicias, y a los goves, de los pueblos de Yndios qe. inmediatamente prozeden a informarme si hay alguno o algunos en los espresados pueblos qe. no viva con las circunstancias qe. previene el antecedente bando para separarlo de el o de ellos manifestando á los reverendos padres misioneros el contenido de este bando, y disposicion del Sor. Govor. de esta provincia a fin de qe. contribuyan por su parte a lo dispuesto por el Sor. Comte. Gral. y para su constancia lo, puse por diligencia qe. firme con testigos de asistencia a falta de escrivano publico ni rl. que no le hay en el termino que dispone el dro. de qe. certifico. |
| <b>Soecoro.</b>            |   |

EUGENIO FERNANDEZ. [Rúbrica.]

De assa.: MIGUEL MORALES. [Rúbrica.]

De assa.: JUAN MATEO DE MIRANDA. [Rubrica.]

Pueblo de Sn. Lorenzo el Real y Septe. 8 de 1784, en dho. dia se publico el vando qe. antecede con las formalidades y solemnidad acostumbrada, y por qe. conste lo firme con los testigos de mi asistencia.

DIEGO CANDELARI. [Rubrica.]

De assa.: JUAN MATEO CANDELARI. [Rubrica.]

De assa.: JOSE MARIA DE VALASCO. [Rubrica.]

Pueblo de Sn. Anto. de Seneceu, Septiembre 12 de 1784, en dho. dia se publico el vando que antecede con las formalidades, y solemnidad acostumbrada y por qe. conste lo firme con los testigos de mi asistencia.

MANUEL BERNARDINO BORREGO. [Rubrica.]

Testigo: ANDRES DE ESPINOSA. [Rubrica.]

Testigo: DOMINGO ESPINOZA. [Rubrica.]

Pueblo de Sn. Antonio de Corpus Christi, de la Isleta y Setiembre  
 13 de 1784 as., en dho. dia se publico el vando que antese-  
 109 de con las formalidades y solenidad acostumbrada y porque coste  
 lo firme con los testigos de mi asistencia.

JOSE MARIA DURAN. [Rubrica.]

De assa.: JPH. ALDERETE. [Rubrica.]  
 Testigo: LEONARDO DURAN. [Rubrica.]

Pueblo de Nra. de la Purissima Concepcion del Socorro y Sepre. 21 de  
 1784, en este dia se publico en dho. pueblo el bando antecedente con las  
 formalidades acostumbradas y para qe. conste lo firme con los testigos de  
 assa.

VICENTE LOPEZ. [Rubrica.]

De assa.: JUAN ANTONIO BARELA. [Rubrica.]  
 De assa.: JULIAN DE ARCHULETA. [Rubrica.]

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Don Juan Bautista de Anza, colonel of cavalry of the Royal Armies  
 of His Majesty, governor and commander of the Province of New  
 Mexico.

Whereas, under date of Jan. 24, of the year last past, the commandant  
 general has been pleased to direct to me the superior decision of the fol-  
 lowing tenor:

*List.*

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| Town of Santa Fe.              | Sir COMMANDING GENERAL:  |
| " " La Canada.                 | By the 21 and  |
| Jurisdiction of the alcalde of | 22 laws, title 3d, book 6, of the recopilation of  |
| Taos.                          | these kingdoms, Spaniards, negroes, mulat'oes,   |
| The same of the Queres.        | and mustees are prohibited and forbidden to  |
| " " Alameda.                   | reside in the Indian reserves and towns (pue-<br>blos), as several of the Spaniards who trade, |
| " " Alburquerque.              | travel through, live and have intercourse with   |
| " " Laguna.                    | the Indians are known to be men of turbulent   |
| Paso del Norte.                | conduct, bad habits, thieves, gamblers, vicious,   |
| To Santa Fe.                   | and vagrants, and the Indians to escape injury   |

from them are compelled to abandon their towns (pueblos) and provinces,  
 and the negroes, mulattoes, and mustees, besides treating them badly,  
 make servants of them, learn them bad habits and idleness, as well as  
 many errors and vices which are calculated to make them vicious and to  
 thwart the efforts made for their salvation, increase, and prosperity, which  
 evils are ordered to be punished with severe penalties and forbidden to  
 enter the Indian towns (pueblos), and that the viceroys, presidents, gov-  
 ernors, and authorities shall use every effort to carry the same into execu-  
 tion as far as lies in their individual power, as well as their subordinates,  
 availing themselves of ministers of known integrity, which prohibition  
 extends to those Spaniards, mu'tees, and mulattoes who have purchased

lands in the Indian towns (pueblos) or within their limits, their  
 111 residence therein being the principal cause of the opp'essions and  
 disturbances suffered by them. The exception to this rule, only,  
 are those mustees and children of negro's with Indian women born in the  
 pueblos (towns), and who are to inherit their houses, flocks; these are

allowed to reside in their towns (pueblos), as it would be cruel to separate them from their parents, the performance and fulfillment of which provisions are especially enjoined upon the viceroys, presidents, and governors by law 1st, title 4, book 7.

The order issued by Don Juan Baptista de Anza, governor of New Mexico, to which reference is made by the Rev. Father Friar Juan Bermijo, appears to be in conformity with the provisions of the aforesaid laws, and being charged with their performance and compliance he was authorized and it became his duty to execute them, more particularly, as the said father states he acted upon complaints of the Indians and just causes proven to him, why certain Spaniards, mulattoes, or mustees, who resided in the towns (pueblos) in the capacity of servants to the priests, should be removed therefrom.

There is no doubt, and indeed it is well known, notorious, and public, that the aforementioned laws have not been nor are complied in the vast provinces embraced within this new government, in which hardly a mission station or Indian town (pueblo) is to be found where several Spaniards, mustees, mulattoes, and other races do not reside, and in looking for the origin of this permission I remember having seen an order issued by the royal audience of Guadalajara declaring expressly to the contrary, stating that the prohibition therein contained did not apply to the Indian towns (pueblos) situated on the frontiers and liable to attacks from the Indians, in which the residence of Spaniards and other races, instead of being in injury to them, it produces among other benefits the advantage of defence, which they would not have if left alone, and also that by their example and advice they would learn how to cultivate the soil and derive greater benefits from their crops and stock, which many 112 would not have were they not stimulated by imitation and the good example set to them.

In the instructions issued at the Real de los Alamos on the 23d June, 1769, by His Excellency Don Jose de Galvez, then visitor-general of this kingdom, after stating the rules to be observed in the distribution of lands to the Indians for the formation of towns and the manner of making out the accounts or certificates for , he directed, in article 11th, that the unoccupied land remaining beyond the limits of four leagues granted to each town (pueblo) be distributed among and granted to legitimate Spaniards who may have established themselves or who wished to join said town (pueblos), the merciful and sovereign intentions of His Majesty being that the Spaniards and Indians should live together as brothers in society, trade, and commerce; that they aid each other reciprocally, and love each other as they should, preventing the Indians by this just and honorable means from contracting pernicious alliances and communication with other races which is so injurious to them. And in article 13 he declared also other races, being established in certain Indian towns (pueblos) gave authority to the distributing commissaries to give them an equal amount of land with the Indians, providing the curates, ministers, or Indian governors stated that the residence of said other races was injurious to the town (pueblo) where they were situated, as generally is the case; and in case it was not convenient to allow them to reside therein, he directed they should be notified to move their residence

to the nearest towns or settlements of Spaniards within one month, where they would be located, delivering to them the proper warrant, ordering them to comply therewith, and present themselves to the royal justices. Therefore, according to the foregoing decree, as well as by the aforementioned chapters of the instructions of H. C. Don Jose de Galvez, the general order contained in the 21st & 22d law, title 3d, book 6, appears to be explained or modified, extending the prohibition to those Spaniards, mustees, mulattoes, and children of Indians and negroes who are idle, vagrants, and single who reside in the Indian towns (pueblos),  
 113 and cause trouble, damage, and injury, who should be ejected from the towns and compelled to work at their trades, those who have any, or to learn one, or to hire themselves out, so as not to be a burden on the Republic, as provided in the 1st and 2d laws, title 4th, book 7th, of the Recopilation.

These being the last orders governing the case, and not having been compiled, the governor of New Mexico has been unable to have them before him, it appears to me that upon his being informed thereof that he cause them to be performed, fulfilled, and executed, and your excellency, if you see proper, can direct and order to be issued to him not to prevent the residence, establishment, and participation of bona fide married Spaniards who have any real estate or trade with which to support themselves in the Indian towns (pueblos) without causing disturbances or being a burden to the natives, and that the same rule apply to mulattoes, mustees, children of blacks and Indians, and other mixed races upon the report of the rev. missionaries, of the governors of the towns, and the justices of the respective jurisdictions that they are not injurious or burthensome to the natives, expelling and causing those single persons who are idle, vagabonds, and lead a vicious life, to leave the towns, and compel them to live in the towns and settlements of Spaniards and devote themselves to their trades, if they have any, or learn one, or cultivate the soil, pursuing and chastising with all severity those who lead a vicious and corrupt life, avoiding by this means the evil example they would set and other injuries to the Republic; or your excellency may, however, take such steps as you may deem proper.

Arispe, January 23d, 1783.

(Signed)

GALINDO NAVARRO.

Arispe, January 24, 1783. I approve the report of the counsellor, and order a copy of his report and of this decree to be forwarded to Governor Don Juan Bautista de Anza, and information be given to the Rev. Father Friar Juan Bermejo of the action taken in the premises.

(Signed)

DE CROIX.

I certify the foregoing to be a copy of the originals.

Arispe, January 24, 1783.

(Signed)

CHRITOVAL CORVALOU. [Rubric.]

114 And for the purpose of putting into execution what is ordered to be observed in the foregoing superior decree, I command that when this order is made public and notorious in all the jurisdictions of

this province and Indian towns their corresponding governors and chief alcaldes proceed with the necessary promptness to make reports to me of the circumstances of conduct, real property, offices, and condition in which are living the families and individuals who reside in said Indian towns; which I likewise request and commend to their several ministers, to which intent the said chief alcaldes will make this known to them, in order to determine what may be proper'y in consideration of these reports, which must be made first, it being understood that the towns of Taos and Abiquiu, with whose residents therefore and as heretofore no change shall be made, but with respect to those therein who lead a licentious life, who cause scandals, bad treatment, or burdens to the Indians, the aforesaid chief justice shall take steps at once to put into execution what is ordered with regard to them, and when the said publication has been made so as to come to the notice of all the inhabitants of this province and note thereof made *made* by the last chief justice, he will return it to my power to place it in the corresponding archive. Thus I provided, ordered, and signed in this town of Santa Fe on the thirteenth day of the month of March, seventeen hundred and eighty-four, before the undersigned witnesses of my attendance, for lack of a public or royal notary, there being none in all this jurisdiction, to which I certify.

JUAN BAUTISTA DE ANZA. [Rubric.]

Attending witness: VICENTE TRANCOSO.

Attending witness: FRANCISCO PERES SERRANO.

Town of Santa Fe, and March 18 of the year 1784:

The foregoing decree was published by me, Don Antonio Jose Ortiz,  
with all the customary ceremonies; and in witness whereof I signed  
115 it at said town on said day and in said month and year.

(Signed) ANTONIO JOSE ORTIZ. [Scroll.]

Town of Santa Cruz de la Canada, and March 25, 1784:

In compliance with what is commanded in the foregoing decree, I, Don Jose Campo Redondo, chief alcalde and war captain of said town, published it therein and in the other districts and towns under my charge; and in witness thereof I signed it, and it is forwarded according to the order in the list; to which I certify.

(Signed) JOSE CAMPO REDONDO. [Scroll.]

San Geronimo de Taos, and April 6, 1784:

This decree was published by me, Don Cristoval Vigil, chief alcalde and war captain of said pueblo, with all the customary ceremonies; and in witness thereof I signed it at said town on said day and in said month and year.

(Signed) CRISTOBAL VEGIL. [Scroll.]

At this town of Santo Domingo of the Queres, on the twenty-fourth day of the month of April, of the year 1784, in obedience to what is commanded in the foregoing decree, I, Don Antonio de Armenta, chief alcalde and war captain of said towns, published (it) therein and in the

others that are under my charge, with all the customary formalities; and in witness thereof I signed it in said town on said day and in said month and year; to which I certify.

(Signed)

ANTONIO DE AMENTA. [Scroll.]

116 At this town of San Carlos de la Alameda, on the seventh day of the month of May of the year 1784, in obedience to what is commanded in the foregoing decree, I, Don Nerio Antonio Montoya, caused the aforesaid to be published with all the customary formalities in all the districts under my charge; and in witness thereof I signed it on said day, month, and year, to which I certify.

(Signed)

NERIO ANTONIO MONTOYA. [Scroll.]

Town of San Felipe de Albuquerque, and May fifteenth of the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four. In obedience to what is commanded in the foregoing decree, I, the chief alcalde and war captain, Don Manuel de Arteaga, caused it to be published therein and in the other districts under (my) charge with all the customary ceremonies; and in witness thereof I signed it.

(Signed)

MANUEL DE ARTEAGA.

At this town of San Jose de la Laguna, on the fourth day of the month of June, the foregoing decree was published with all the customary formalities; and as evidence obedience thereto I signed it in this year 1784, to which I certify.

(Signed)

FRANCISCO LOBERA, [Scroll.]  
*Chief Alealde.*

Town of Our Lady of Guadalupe of El Paso del Rio del Norte, and August 22, 1784.

*List.*

San Lorenzo del Real.

Seneen.

Ysleta.

Socorro.

117 This day the foregoing decree was published in said town, with the customary formalities, and I command the justices of the towns of this jurisdiction to execute the same, placing at the end of this, my order, the note of having done so, and also I command the said justices and the governors of the Indian towns to proceed immediately to report to me as to whether there is any person or persons in the said towns who do not live under the circumstances prescribed in the foregoing decree, in order to remove him or them therefrom, making known to the reverend Miss'onary fathers the contents of this decree and the order of the governor of this province, to the end that on their part they may lend their aid to the commands of the commandant general; and in witness thereof I executed these proceedings, which I signed with attending witnesses for lack of a public or royal notary, of which there is none within the distance provided by law, to which I certify.

(Signed)

EUGENIO FERNANDEZ. [Scroll.]

Attending: (Signed) MIGUEL MORALES. [Scroll.]

Attending: (Signed) JUAN MATEO DE MIRANDA. [Scroll.]

Town of San Lorenzo, El Real, and September 8, 1784. On said day the foregoing decree was published with the customary formalities and

ceremonies, and in witness thereof I signed it with my attending witnesses.

(Signed)

DIEGO CANDELARI. [Scroll.]

Attending: (Signed) JUAN MATEO CANDELARI. [Scroll.]

Attending: (Signed) JOSE MARIA DE VELASCO.

Town of San Antonio de Seneeu, September 12, 1784. On said day the foregoing decree was published with the customary formalities and ceremonies, and in witness thereof I signed it with my attending witnesses.

(Signed)

MANUEL BERNARDINO BORREGO. [Scroll.]

Witness: ANDRES DE ESPINOSA. [Scroll.]

Witness: DOMINGO ESPINOSA. [Scroll.]

118 Town of San Antonio de Corpus Christi de la Ysleta and September 13 of the year 1784. On said day the foregoing decree was published with the customary formalities and ceremony, and in witness thereof I signed it with my attending witnesses.

(Signed)

JOSE MARIA DURAN. [Signed.]

Attending: (Signed) JOSEPH ALDERETE. [Scroll.]

Witness: LEONARDO DURAN. [Signed.]

Town of Our Lady of the Most Pure Conception of El Socorro and September 17, 1784. On this day in said town the foregoing decree was published with the customary formalities, and in witness thereof I signed it with the attending witnesses.

(Signed)

VICENTE LOPEZ. [Scroll.]

Attending: (Signed) JULIAN DE ARCHULETA. [Scroll.]

Attending: (Signed) JUAN ANTONIO BARELA. [Scroll.]

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*Portion of Archive 1342.*

El P. custodio de estas Nisiones Fr. Juan Bermejo me hizo presente que V. S. havia mandado publicar un bando para que ningun vecino español, mulato y de otras castas, que llaman de razon, se establecera, ni subsista en pueblos de Yndios bajo la multa de cincuenta ps. en oro de minas.

Esta Providencia aunque es conforme a las leyes 21 y 22, tito. 3º, lib. 6º de la Recopilacion de estos Reynos, admite las modificaciones que me ha expuesto el asesor de esta comandancia gral. en el dictamen de que incluyo copia certificada, á las que devera V. S. arreglarse en lo sucesivo, respecto a haverme conformado con el referido dictamen: lo que prevengo a V. S. para su puntual y exacto cumplimiento.

Dios guarde a V. S. muchos años. Arispe 24 de Enero de 1783.

EL CAVRO. DE CROIX. [Rúbrica.]

Sor. Dn. JUAN BAPTA. DE ANSA.

120 *Translation of letter forming a part of archive No. 1342, in surv. gen.'s office.*

The father custodian of those missions, Friar Juan Bermejo, has represented to me that your excellency had ordered published a decree to

the effect that no Spanish citizen, mulatto, or person of other mixed races that are called civilized races [de razon] should settle or remain in Indian towns under the penalty of a fine of fifty dollars in uncoined gold.

This provision, although it is in conformity with laws 21 and 22, title third, book sixth of the Recopilacion of these kin'doms, is subject to the modifications that the consulting attorney of this commandant-general's office has set forth for me in the opinion, of which I enclosed a certified copy; by which modifications your excellency should be governed in the future, in view of my having approved the said opinion, of which I advise your excellency for your prompt and exact compliance.

God preserve your excellency many years. Arispe, Jan. 24, 1783.

(Signed) THE CHEVALIER DE CROIX. [Scroll.]

To Señor Don JUAN BAUTISTA DE ANZA.

121 *Testimony taken before the surveyor-general, offered by the defendant.*

POJUAQUE.

Jose de Jesus Montoya, governor; Juan Bautista Sanchez, war chief, and Matias, preserver of the peace of the pueblo of Pojuaque, being duly sworn by the surveyor-general, at his office, at Santa Fe, in the presence of General A. G. Mayers, Indian agent for the pueblos, they answered the interrogatories propounded to them in the following manner, to wit:

Question. Did the pueblo of Pojoaque receive a grant for the lands they occupy from the King of Spain?

Answer. They did receive a grant from the King of Spain.

Question. Where is the grant now?

Answer. We do not know where it is now.

Question. Do you when and how the pueblo was deprived of its possession?

Answer. About forty years since a land suit occurred between the pueblo and a Mexican, and the title deed of the pueblo was presented to the alcalde of Chimayo, Bautista Vigil, as evidence in the case, since which time the grant has not been heard of.

Question. Have you any tradition of the length of time the pueblo has been in existence?

Answer. The bell of the church bears date of 1710. The bell was cast for the church.

Question. Has the pueblo been occupied continuously from that date up to the present time by your people?

Answer. It has been so occupied.

Question. Do you know if the grant of the pueblo called for one league from the church towards the four cardinal points of the compass, and if you claim the same amount of land granted to the other pueblos?

Answer. We claim one league from the corners of the church towards the four cardinal points, and are entitled to the same amount of land granted to the other pueblos.

Question. Do you raise wheat, corn, fruit, and stock, and do you subsist entirely by agricultural pursuits?

Answer. We raise wheat and corn, and depend on what we raise for our subsistence. We do not raise enough to support us comfortably, but live on what we raise, although we suffer sometimes.

122 Governor, JOSE DE JESUS MONTOYA (his x mark).  
War Chief, JUAN BAUTISTA SANCHEZ. [Rubric.]  
Preserver of the Peace, MATIAS (his x mark).

Sworn and subscribed before me this 28th day of June, 1856.

Wm. PELHAM,  
*Surveyor-General of New Mexico.*

123 *Testimony taken before surveyor-general, offered by defendant.*

NAMBE.

Juan Lozario Padilla, governor; Antonio Vigil, lieutenant-governor; Jose Maria Ruibal, chief, of the pueblo of Nambe, being duly sworn by the sur'eyor-general, at Santa Fe, in the presence of General A. G. Mayers, Indian agent for the pueblos, they answered the interrogatories propounded to them in the following manner, viz:

Question. Did the pueblo of Nambe receive a grant for the lands they occupy from the King of Spain?

Answer. From our ancestors we have been informed that the grant was in the possession of the pueblo.

Question. Do you know when and how the pueblo was deprived of its possession?

Answer. Many years since a dispute arose between the Indians of the pueblo and several Mexican citizens who wished to trespass upon their land. The case was taken before the acting governor of the territory, to whom the governor of the pueblo delivered the grant, and although they have claimed it several times, the acting governor refused to deliver it up, since which time it has not been seen or heard of.

Question. Have you any tradition of how long the pueblo has been in existence, and was the oldest man in it born there?

Answer. From tradition we know the pueblo was settled at the same time the others were; the oldest man in the pueblo was born there.

Question. Do you know if the grant to your pueblo calls for one league towards the four points of the compass?

Answer. We claim one league in each direction from the four corners of the church.

JUAN ROSARIO, *Governor.*  
ANTONIO (his x mark) VIGIL, *Lieut. Gov.*  
JOSE MARIA (his x ) RUIBAL, *Chief.*

Witness:

A. G. MAYERS,  
*Agent for the Pueblo Indians of N. M.*

Sworn and subscribed before me this 29th day of September, 1856.

Wm. PELHAM,  
*Surveyor-General.*

124 And afterwards, to wit, on the 19th day of October, 1895, the same being the 12th day of said term, the following among other proceedings were had, to wit:

U. S. Court of Private Land Claims.

MARIA DE LA PAZ DE CONWAY ET AL.  
vs.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE  
Pueblo of Pojoaque, and the Pueblo of  
Nambe.

No. 112.

October term, A. D. 1895, Santa Fe district.

Upon consent of all parties to this cause, made in open court this eleventh day of October, A. D. 1895, it is ordered that the pueblo of Pohuaque and the pueblo de Nambe be made parties herein, and that the petition of the claimants be deemed amended accordingly.

And further, as to certain original muniments of title produced from the custody of the claimants introduced in evidence, that the annexed abstract thereof, in English, made by Mr. Henry O. Flipper, be taken and considered as the equivalent of the originals.

125 And further, that as part of the evidence adduced in behalf of the defendant there be received and considered the deposition of Juan Lozario Padilla, Antonio Vigil, and Jose Maria Ruibal, Jose de Jesus Montoya, Juan Bautista Sanchez and Matias, taken before the surveyor-general for New Mexico in the cases of the pueblo of Pohuaque (Report No. N) and the pueblo of Nambe (Report No. R), the said witness being now dead.

JOSEPH R. REED,  
*Chief Justice.*

126 And afterwards, to wit, at a stated term of the Court of Private Land Claims, begun and held at Santa Fe, on the seventh day of October, A. D. 1895, and on the sixteenth day of said term, the same being the twenty-fourth day of October, A. D. 1895, the following among other proceedings were had, to wit:

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*Decree.*

In the Court of Private Land Claims, October term, 1895.

MARIA DE LA PAZ VALDEZ DE CONWAY ET AL.,  
vs.  
THE UNITED STATES.

This cause having been duly tried at a former day of the present term, and having been submitted to, and taken under advisement by, the court, the court being now sufficiently advised in the premises:

It is on this 24th day of October, 1895, found, declared, adjudged, and decreed by the court that, on the 2nd day of January, 1731, Juan Domingo

de Bustamente, governor and captain-general of the province of New Mexico, granted to Bernardino de Sena, Tomas de Sena, and Luis Lopez a certain tract of land situate in said province, and now in the county of Santa Fe, Territory of New Mexico, and known as the Cuyamungue tract; and that under the commission and instructions of the said governor, Bustamente, the said granted tract was, on the 22nd day of January, 1731, duly delivered in actual possession to the said grantees above named by Domingo Vigil, lieutenant chief alcalde of the new village of Santa Cruz. That the said tract of land so granted and so delivered in possession is bounded and described as follows: On the north by the lands of Lazaro Trujillo; on the south by the lands of the pueblos of Tesuque, which reach to an arroyo that comes down from east to west to the river of Cuyamungue, and on said arroyo there are two mounds of bluestone, one on one side and the other on the opposite side thereof a little above said arroyo; on the east some hills and the road that leads to the pueblo of San Francisco de Nambe; and on the west some hills and forests on the other side of the Cuyamungue River. That the said tract of land so granted has remained in the possession of the said grantees and their heirs and successors from the date of said grant to the present time. That

the petitioners in this case have shown themselves possessed of such  
128 an interest as entitled them to maintain this action. That the said  
grant so made was a complete and perfect title at the date of the  
treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in the year 1848.

It is therefore further adjudged and decreed that the said grant so made be and the same hereby is confirmed as a complete and perfect title to the extent of the boundaries called for in the grant and act of possession as above set forth to the heirs and legal representatives of the said grantees, Bernardino de Sena, Tomas de Sena, and Luis Lopez.

And it is further ordered, adjudged, and decreed that this confirmation shall in nowise affect the rights of the pueblos of Pojoaque and Nambe (if any they have) as between them and the said confirmees, under their patents issued by the United States Government, and shall not confer any right or title to any gold, silver, or quicksilver mines and the minerals thereof in the confirmees within the boundaries of said grant, unless said confirmees shall have become otherwise entitled thereto in law or in equity, and that this confirmation is made subject to all other terms and conditions provided in the act of Congress creating this court, respecting confirmations of private land claims.

JOSEPH R. REED,  
*Chief Justice.*

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO, October 24th, 1895.

129 And be it further remembered that thereafter, to wit, on the 24th day of October, A. D. 1896, the opinion of the court in said

cause was filed in the office of the clerk, which said opinion is in the words and figures following, to wit :

130 In the U. S. Court of Private Land Claims. District of New Mexico. October term, A. D. 1895.

MARIA DE LA PAZ VALDEZ DE CONWAY ET AL., }  
petitioners,  
*against* } No. 112.  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEFENDANT. }

Involving the title to the property claimed under what is known and commonly called the "Cuyamungue Grant," in Santa Fe County, Territory of New Mexico.

*Opinion of the court, by Mr. Justice Murray.*

Delivered and filed this      day of      , 1895.

131 Mr. Justice MURRAY delivered the opinion of the court.

The petition in this case is filed under the provision of the 8th section of the act of Congress approved March 3rd, 1891. (22 Stats. at Large, 854, C. 539.) It appears from an examination of the expediente offered in evidence as the basis of the claim, that in the year 1731 Bernardino de Sena, Thomas de Sena, and Luis Lopez, presented a petition at Santa Fe, New Mexico, to Juan Dom. de Bustamante, governor and captain-general, asking for "the surplus land in the abandoned pueblo of Cuyamungue as royal, public, and uninhabited." The boundaries of the grant are set out in the petition. On the 2nd day of January, 1731, the governor granted the land prayed for, and in the granting decree directed the chief alcalde of the new village of Santa Cruz to notify all the adjoining landowners of the grant so made by him, and if there was no objection to the grant, the alcalde was directed to put the petitioners in royal possession. On the 22nd day of January, 1731, the alcalde, Domingo Vigil, put Bernardino de Sena, one of the petitioners, in royal possession of the land granted. In the act of possession it is stated by the alcalde that he "caused all the Indians, governors, and captains to assemble, and notified them of what his excellency ordered and commanded, by reading to them the said decree and giving them to understand that if they had any objections whatever to make to the grant of land made by his excellency, the said governor, to Bernardino de Sena, to make it to him freely, that they would be heard in justice; and being informed of said decree they jointly and severally said that they made no objection whatever, and that it did not in anywise injure them." \* \* \* After reading the grant to other adjoining owners of land and being informed by them that they had no objections to offer, the alcalde said: "I proceeded with my attending witnesses to the pueblo of Cuyamungue, and having examined the boundaries," he put the said Bernardino de Sena in possession of the land. The grantees, their heirs and assigns have been in possession of the land granted up to the present time, a period of 164 years. It appears from deeds and other documents filed by

132 session of the land granted up to the present time, a period of 164 years. It appears from deeds and other documents filed by

the petitioners, deriving title from the original grantees, that as early as 1733 the place was known as the "rancho of Cuyamungue." In the year 1805 Governor Alencaster approved an order of an alcalde restraining the Indians of Tessuque from constructing an irrigating ditch to the prejudice of the parties in possession of said land. The expediente constitutes a complete and perfect title under the laws of Spain in force in New Mexico at the date of the grant, and the title and possession under it have always been recognized and respected by the Governments of Spain and Mexico. The petitioners show such an interest in the grant as entitles them under the provisions of the act of March 3rd, 1891, to ask this court to confirm the same.

The difficulty in the case grows out of the fact that the Indian pueblos of Nambe and Pojoaque instituted proceedings before the surveyor-general of New Mexico under the act of July 22, 1854, for four leagues of land each. The surveyor-general recommended that the land asked for be granted. Congress confirmed a grant to each of said pueblos for four square leagues as recommended. The grants to said pueblos have been surveyed and patents for them issued. The surveys as made cover all the land of the pueblo of Cuyamungue granted to the original grantee in this case, except about 100 acres. It is insisted by the Government's attorney for said pueblos that the land covered by their patents should be excepted out of the decree of confirmation of the grant of 1731.

The pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, and Cuyamungue were in existence as early as 1541, when the Spaniards first visited this country. (See Bandelier's *Investigations Among the Indians of the Southwestern United States*, part 1, American series 3, page 123.) They were pueblos in 1692, 3, 4, 5, and 6. (See Bancroft's *History of Arizona and New Mexico*, pages 206, 201, 212, 216.) The Indians of these 133 pueblos belonged to the Tehmas tribe or nation. It is not known definitely when the pueblo of Cuyamungue was abandoned, but it was most likely about the close of the 16th century.

The surveyor-general proceeded on the idea that as a matter of law all the Indian pueblos were entitled to four square leagues of land measured from the church or center of the pueblo. This seems to have been the prevailing opinion of the officials in New Mexico, and Congress, on the recommendation of the several surveyors-general, has confirmed to a large number of Indian pueblos in New Mexico that quantity of land.

I have examined all the laws of the Indies in relation to Indian pueblo lands, and have failed to find any law that can by any possibility be construed to sustain the opinions of the surveyors-general.

(Many of these laws have never before been translated into English, to my knowledge, and I therefore attach them to this opinion.)

The first law bearing directly on this question is the ordinance of May 26th, 1567. It prov'es that stock farms should not be located nearer than 1,000 varas from the settlement and houses of Indians. The law of 1573 and 1618 provided "that the sites where towns or settlem'nts are to be made shall have conven'ences of water, land, timber, entrances and exits, farms, and town commons of one league in length, where the Indians can keep their stock without its being mixed with other stock of the Spaniards."

The cedula of June 4th, 1687, reviews all former laws on the subject and provides that the Indians shall have six hundred varas to each wind measured from the last house on each side of the town, and prohibits stock farms from being located nearer than 1,100 varas from the last house on each side of the town. This law also gives the viceroys authority to grant to the pueblos any lands in addition to what is provided which, in his judgment, the Indians may need.

134 The cedula of July 4th, 1695, provides that in measuring the 600 varas and 1,100 varas provided for by the cedula of

June 4, 1687, the beginning point should be the church or center of the town, and not from the outside houses. The reason for this change is fully set out in said cedula. This law provides for a grant to each Indian pueblo of about 839 acres. The quantity of land to which an Indian pueblo is entitled can only be determined by the grant itself. The viceroys were authorized to grant land to pueblos in any quantity they might see fit, and it might be surveyed in any shape he might direct, or they could limit the grant to the 1,100 square varas prescribed by law, but in that event a grant for that quantity must be issued. The fact that the pueblo of Cuyamungue was abandoned did not extend the boundaries of the pueblos of Nambe and Pojoaque or confer any rights on said pueblos to the land which had belonged to the pueblo of Cuyamungue. It was held by the governor and captain-general of the province of New Mexico, who had the right and power under the law to determine such questions, that the land occupied by the Indians of the pueblo of Cuyamungue when abandoned by them became royal public domain, and as such granted it to the petitioners in 1731.

The grant should be confirmed to the extent of the boundaries set out in the act of possession, unless the court is prohibited by the terms of the act of March 3rd, 1891, from giving the petitioners what they are clearly entitled to under the law and facts of this case.

The court will not construe an act of the legislative department of the Government so as to confiscate the private property of the citizens if such a construction can be avoided. The parts of said act necessary to be considered in this case are the following:

"SEC. 7. That all proceedings subsequent to the filing of said petition shall be conducted as nearly as may be according to the practice of the courts of equity of the United States, except that the answer of the

attorney of the United States shall not be required to be verified 135 by his oath, and except that, as far as practicable, testimony shall

be taken in court or before one of the justices thereof. The said court shall have full power and authority to hear and determine all questions arising in cases before it relative to the title to land the subject of such case, the extent, location, and boundaries thereof, and other matters connected therewith fit and proper to be heard and determined, and by a final decree to settle and determine the question of the validity of the title, and the boundaries of the grant or claim presented for adjudication, according to the law of nations, the stipulations of the treaty concluded between the United States and the Republic of Mexico at the city of Guadalupe Hidalgo, on the second day of February, in the year of our Lord 1848, or the treaty concluded between the same powers at the City

of Mexico, on the 30th day of December, in the year of our Lord 1853, and the laws and ordinances of the Government from which it is alleged to have been derived, and all other questions properly arising between the claimants or the parties in the case and the United States, which decree shall in all cases refer to the treaty, law, or ordinance under which such claim is confirmed or rejected; and in confirming any such claim, in whole or in part, the court shall in its decree specify plainly the location, boundaries, and the area of the land the claim to which is so confirmed.

"SEC. 8. That any person or corporation claiming lands in any of the States or Territories mentioned in this act under a title derived from the Spanish or Mexican Government, that was complete and perfect at the date when the United States acquired sovereignty therein, shall have the right (but shall not be bound) to apply to said court in the manner in this act provided for other cases of confirmation of such title; and on such application said court shall proceed to hear, try, and determine the validity of the same and the right of the claimant thereto, its extent, location, and boundaries, in the same manner and with the same powers as in other cases in this act mentioned.

"If in any such case a title so claimed to be perfect shall be established and confirmed, such confirmation shall be for so much land only as such perfect title shall be found to cover, always excepting any part of such lands that shall have been disposed of by the United States (and always subject to and not to affect any conflicting private interests, rights, or claims held or claimed adversely to any such claim or title, or adversely to the holder of any such claim or title). And no further confirmation of claims or titles in this section mentioned shall have any affect other or further than as a release of all claim of title by the United States; and no private right of any person, as between himself and other claimants or persons in respect of any such lands, shall be in any manner affected thereby.

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"SEC. 13. That all the foregoing proceedings and rights shall be conducted and decided subject to the following provisions as well as to the other provisions of this act, namely:

"First. No claim shall be allowed that shall not appear to be upon a title lawfully and regularly derived from the Government of Spain or Mexico, or from any of the States of the Republic of Mexico having lawful authority to make grants of land, and one that, if not then complete and perfect at the date of the acquisition of the territory by the United States, the claimant would have had a lawful right to make perfect had the territory not been acquired by the United States, and that the United States are bound, upon the principles of public law or by the provisions of the treaty of cession, to respect and permit to become complete and perfect if the same was not at said date already complete and perfect.

"Second. No claim shall be allowed that shall interfere with or overthrow any just and unextinguished Indian title or right to any land or place.

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136 "Fourth. No claim shall be allowed for any land the right to which has hitherto been lawfully acted upon and decided by Congress or under its authority.

"Fifth. No proceeding, decree, or act under this act shall conclude or affect the private rights of persons as between each other, all of which rights shall be preserved and saved to the same effect as if this act had not been passed; but the proceedings, decrees, and acts herein provided for shall be conclusive of all rights as between the United States and all persons claiming any interest or right in such land.

"Sixth. No confirmation of or decree concerning any claim under this act shall in any manner operate to have effect against the United States otherwise than as a release by the United States of its right and title to the land confirmed, nor shall it operate to make the United States in any manner liable in respect of any such grants, claims, or lands, or their disposition, otherwise than as in this act provided.

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"SEC. 14. That if in any case it shall appear that the lands or any part thereof decreed to any claimant under the provisions of this act shall have been sold or granted by the United States to any other person, such title from the United States to such other person shall remain valid notwithstanding such decree, and upon proof being made to the satisfaction of said court of such sale or grant and the value of the lands so sold or granted, such court shall render judgment in favor of such claimant against the United States for the reasonable value of said lands so sold or granted, exclusive of betterments, not exceeding one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre for such lands; and such judgment, when found, shall be a charge on the Treasury of the United States. Either party deeming himself aggrieved by such judgment may appeal in the same manner as provided herein in cases of confirmation of a Spanish or Mexican grant. For the purpose of ascertaining the value and amount of such lands surveys may be ordered by the court, and proof taken before the court, or by a commissioner appointed for that purpose by the court."

It is quite clear that the confirmation of this grant would not "interfere with or overthrow any just and unextinguished Indian title or right to any land or place." It would hardly be insisted under the facts in this case that the pueblos of Nambe and Pojoaque had any just right or claim at the date of the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo to any part of the land covered by this grant. It is equally clear that the United States did not acquire any right or interest in the land of the citizen in the ceded territory held by a complete and perfect title at the date of said treaty.

The confirmation of this grant would not be a claim allowed "for land the right to which has hitherto been lawfully acted upon and decided by

Congress or under its authority," for the reason that Congress did  
137 not undertake to decide who was the rightful owner of the land confirmed to the pueblos of Nambe and Pojaoque, but on the contrary it is expressly stated in the patents issued to them that it is not to interfere with any prior right to the land which may be held by other parties. The action of Congress on the claims and the issuance of the

patents thereunder is nothing more than a release to them of whatever interest the United States might have in the land. In this case we have shown that the United States had no interest in the land to release. A confirmation of the grant to the extent of the boundaries would not in any way affect the rights of the pueblos under their patents (if they had any) as against the petitioners; they are fully protected by subdivision 5 of section 13 of the act of March 3rd, 1891.

This view of the case is not in conflict with the doctrine laid down by the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of Tomeling vs. U. S. Freehold, etc. (93 U. S., p. 644). In that case a suit was commenced in the Territory of Colorado against Tomeling to recover 160 acres of land within the outboun-laries of a larger tract of land which had been confirmed by Congress. The case was submitted on an agreed statement of facts, from which it appears that the land claimed in the plaintiff's declaration was within the exterior boundaries of what is known as the Sangre de Chista grant, which had been confirmed to Charles Beaubien. The plaintiff claimed title in fee simple by conveyance from one Martin Coats Fisher to him. Without reciting all the facts in the case, it is sufficient to say the question decided in the case is that Congress had power and authority to confirm Spanish and Mexican grants under the act of July 22, 1854, and that such action by Congress was final and binding on the courts. It is stated by the learned judge *you* delivered the opinion of the court that "the confirmation being absolute and unconditional, without limitation as to quantity,

we must regard it as *affectual* and operative for the entire  
138 tract." But the controlling point decided is that there was no

jurisdiction whatever conferred on the courts by the act of July 22, 1854. The powers conferred on the commissioners and courts over claims under Spanish and Mexican grants by the act of March 3, 1851, is discussed by the court, and the difference between that act and the act of 1854 as to the power of the courts clearly defined. It is again announced as the settled doctrine of that court that an act of Congress confirming a grant passes the title of the United States as effectually as if it contained in terms a grant *de novo*, and a grant may be made by law as well as by patent pursuant to law.

It will be observed that the 7th section of the act creating this court gives it "full power and authority to hear and determine all questions arising in cases before it relative to the title to the land" and makes it the duty of the court, by final decree, to settle and determine the question of the validity of the title and the boundaries of the grant or claim presented for adjudication. If the petitioners in this case have a complete and perfect title to the land in question under the grant of 1731, it necessarily follows that the pueblos of Nambe and Pojoaque have no right or title to any of the land within the boundaries of such complete and perfect grant. But the decree of this court does not in any way affect the right or title (if any) that the pueblos acquired by their patents from the United States, as between them and the petitioners. All adverse claimants are made parties, not that their rights as against the petitioners are to be affected by any adjudication of the court as to the title of the land in controversy, but to the end that a final decree may be entered by

the court which will bind all claimants of the land, the subject of the suit, so far as the United States is concerned. It is true that it is well settled, a confirmation by Congress of a grant of land passes the title of the United States in the land covered by the grant, but it is equally well settled by the Supreme Court of the United States that a patent issued by the United States to land which it did not own is void. (Martin vs. Nebraska, 21 Wall., p. 660; Polk vs. Wendell, 9 Cranch, p. 99; *Id.*, 5 Wheaton, p. 301; Patterson vs. Moore, 11 Wheat., p. 383-4; Minter vs. Crometin, 18 Howard, p. 88; Reichart vs. Phelps, 6 Wall., 165; Minn vs. Brooks, 8 Howard, 232-3; Sabairego vs. Mavarick, 124 U. S., p. 282-3; Wright vs. Roseberry, 121 U. S., 520.)

In a recent case this doctrine has been applied to documents executed by Mexican governmental officials. The rule laid down by the Supreme Court of the United States is as follows: "All that can be reasonably or lawfully claimed as the effect of such documents of title is that they pass such estate and such estate only as the Government itself, in whose name and on whose behalf the official acts appear to have been done, had at that time, but not to conclude the fact that the estate conveyed was lawfully vested in the grantor at the time of the grant." (Sabairego vs. Mavarick, *supra*.) The court having found that the petitioners' grant was complete and perfect at the date of the treaty in 1848, the only remaining question is as to whether or not the court can pronounce a decree in accordance with the law and facts found by it, which will enable the petitioners in a suit against them in the local courts by the pueblos of Nambe and Pojoaque on their patents, to rely on the decree of this court confirming their grant to the extent of the boundaries.

In the act of Congress confirming the grants to the pueblos, it is provided: "That this confirmation shall only be construed as a relinquishment of all title and claim of the United States to any of said lands, and shall not affect any adverse valid rights should such exist." In the case of United States vs. Joseph (94 U. S., p. 619), Mr. Justice Miller, speaking for the court, said: "It is unnecessary to waste words to prove that

this was a recognition of the title previously held by these people 140 and disclaimer by the Government of any right of present or future interference, except such as would be exercised in the case of a person holding a complete and perfect title in his individual right." So, in the opinion of that court, it is the duty of the Government to recognize and protect complete and perfect titles held by persons in their individual right, notwithstanding the fact that the land covered by such titles may have been confirmed by Congress to other parties and patent issued for the same. It will be observed that section 8 makes it the duty of the court to confirm complete and perfect grants, and to locate the boundaries of the same, but provides that such confirmation "shall be for so much land only as such perfect title shall be found to cover, always excepting any part of such land that shall have been disposed of by the United States." We do not see how the court could confirm a grant for more than the grant was found to cover, nor do we see how the court can except out of the decree of confirmation land that is covered by such grant, without violating other parts of the section, as well as subdivision 5 of section 13, which prohibits the court in any case from pro-

nouncing a decree that will conclude or even affect the private rights of persons as between each other, "all of which rights shall be preserved and saved to the same effect as if this act had not been passed." Section 13 provides that "all the foregoing proceedings and rights shall be conducted and decided subject to the following provisions, as well as to the other provisions of this act." So that section 8 must be construed with subdivision 5 of section 13, which, as before stated, clearly prohibits the court from pronouncing a decree which shall affect the private rights of persons as between each other.

It seems to us quite clear that to except out of a decree of confirmation in this case the land within the boundaries of the grant which is covered by the patents of the pueblos of Nambe and Pojoaque would affect materially the rights of the petitioners to the land so excluded, as between them and the pueblos, and the rights of the petitioners would not be saved to the same effect as if the act had not been passed. The United States has no interest whatever in the land in controversy further than to protect the property rights of the petitioners as provided for in the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, the Constitution of the United States, and the law of nations. It is the duty of the court, in suits brought under section 8, "to hear, try, and determine the validity of the grant and the right of the claimant thereto, its extent, location, and boundaries, in the same manner and with the same powers as in other cases in this act mentioned." So the court must look to section 7 for the law by which it must be governed as well as its powers to adjudicate all questions which may arise in the case relative to the title to the land, the subject of such case, etc. And, as before stated, the court is compelled to make a final decree which shall settle and determine the validity of the title and boundaries of the grant according to the laws enumerated in said section. This it is quite impossible for the court to do unless it has power to pronounce a decree in accordance with the facts found from the evidence and applied to the law by which the court must be governed. This court held at a former term that the provisions of section 14 allowing compensation in certain cases did not apply where the land claimed in this court under a title from Spain or Mexico had been patented by the United States to another claimant under a Spanish or Mexican grant. That such action by the Government did not amount to a sale or grant by the United States within the meaning of said section. To exclude the land granted to the petitioners in this case covered by the patents of the pueblos would amount to a confiscation of the land so excluded.

A decree confirming the grant as a complete and perfect one to the extent of the boundaries called for in the grant will be entered in this case. When this is done, the manifest intention of Congress will be carried out, and the rights of the pueblos (if any) will not in any way be affected. The question of the validity of their title under their patents and the validity of the petitioners' title under a decree of confirmation by this court can be determined as between the parties themselves by the local tribunals in a proper proceeding instituted for that purpose.

W. W. MURRAY, *Associate Justice.*

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO, October, 1895.

143 And be it further remembered that, to wit, on said 24th day of October, A. D. 1896, the dissenting opinion of Mr. Justice Sluss in said cause was filed in the office of the clerk, which said dissenting opinion is in the words and figures following, to wit:

144 In the Court of Private Land Claims, district of New Mexico.

MARIA DE LA PAZ VELDEZ DE CONWAY ET AL., PETITIONERS,

<sup>vs.</sup>

THE UNITED STATES, DEFENDANT.

The controverted question in this case is, Should there be excepted from the decree of confirmation that part of the land covered by the grant falling within the lines of the land patented to the Indian pueblos of Pojoaque and Nambe?

The claims of the lands of these several pueblos were confirmed by an act of Congress, entitled "An act to confirm the land claim of certain pueblos and towns in the Territory of New Mexico," approved December 22, 1858 (11 Stats. at Large, page 374).

The provisions of the act were that the several claims were confirmed as reported on favorably by the surveyor-general of New Mexico; that the claims should be surveyed as recommended for confirmation by said surveyor-general, and that a patent should issue therefor.

The claims made by each of the pueblos was for four square leagues of land, having the church as a center. The claim so made were approved and recommended for confirmation by the surveyor-general, and four square leagues was surveyed and patented to each of the pueblos. The lands so survey'd and patented to the pueblos cover the greater part of the land claimed under their grant by the plaintiffs in this case.

The corrections of the surveyed and patented boundaries of the four square leagues of each pueblo is not questioned. The only question being whether the decree of confirmation of plaintiffs' claim should be for all the land within the boundaries described in the grant, or for only

so much as remains after excepting the patented pueblo lands.

145 The plaintiff presents their claim for confirmation under the provisions of the 8th section of the act of Congress creating this court, claiming that the title under their grant had become complete and perfect at the time of the cession of this territory to the United States, and this court is unanimous of the opinion that the grant title was complete and perfect as claimed by plaintiffs.

There are several provisions of the act of Congress creating this court which seem to render it imperative that these patented pueblo lands be excepted from the decree of confirmation.

The first is the second subdivision of section 13, which reads: "No claim shall be allowed that shall interfere with or overthow any just and unextinguished Indian title or right to any land or place."

This language is very comprehensive and seems to be quite free from doubt as to its meaning. If the claim presented interferes with such an Indian title, it can not be allowed. Interference does not mean destruction. It simply means a claim that comes in opposition to, or that clashes with, or covers the same ground. Unquestionably the claim of

the plaintiffs in this case, as to that part of the land included in the patents to the pueblos, is in opposition to, and clashes with, and covers the same ground—in a word, interferes with the Indian title to the same land. There is no escape from the plain English of it. Are these Indian titles just and unextinguished, within the meaning of this provision of the act of Congress? How is that question to be determined? It is seen that the Indians presented their claim of title to the surveyor-general of the Territory in pursuance of law. That the surveyor-general investigated their claim and approved them, and recommended their confirmation to the Indians by Congress. That Congress, in pursuance

of this investigation and recommendation of the surveyor-general  
146 and acting upon it, confirmed these lands to the Indians according to the claims they made for them. In the Astiazaran Case (148 U. S., 80) it is established that this investigation, approval, and confirmation constitutes a proceeding in a tribunal having exclusive jurisdiction to determine the status of the land. And in the Tameling Case (93 U. S., 644) it is established that in such proceeding confirmation by Congress operates as an adjudication of the rights of the parties conclusive and binding upon all the Departments of the Government and that the courts can not review or question the correctness of the decision. Tried by the doctrine of the cases cited, it is apparent that the confirmation by Congress of these pueblo lands operates as an adjudication, so far as the United States is concerned; that the Indian title to these lands is just and unextinguished, and that the boundaries are as claimed by the Indians, and as such adjudication is conclusive upon this court, and that we can not set in review upon the question. It results therefore that we are compelled to hold that the claim presented by the plaintiffs does interfere with a just and unextinguished Indian title.

The second provi'on of the act of Congress to which attention is directed is the fourth subdivision of section 13, which reads: "No claim shall be allowed for any land the right to which has hitherto been lawfully acted upon and decided by Congress or under its authority."

Under this provision, if the right to the land has been acted upon and decided by Congress, we can not allow any claim to that land. The words "right to which" evidently referred to the antecedent "and land," and not to the word "claim." This court does not adjudicate the right to the claim, but does adjudicate the right to the land as against the United

147 States. If this right to the land has once been adjudicated against the United States, there would certainly be neither object nor reason

to provide a tribunal to adjudicate the same thing a second time, and no reason for permitting the time of the tribunals of the United States to be occupied in adjudicating the same thing a second time. The object of the provision was a proper one, and in harmony with the specific and repeated declaration of this act that the rights of third persons to the land should not be affected by the confirmation of any claim to it, and in harmony with the invariable practice of Congress to incorporate in its acts of confirmation the provision that the rights of third persons in the land were not affected by the confirmation. But aside from any speculation as to the policy of Congress in the matter, the fair and plain interpretation of provision under consideration is that where any tract of land

has been by Congress confirmed to any claimant, this court will not confirm the same land to any other claimant; that after the Government has ceased to be possessed of or interested in the title, this court is not to be made use of to investigate and express an opinion upon the validity of every claim which may be outstanding against the property emanating from Spanish or Mexican authority.

The third provision of the act of Congress to which attention is directed is found in section 8, and reads: "If in any case the title so claimed to be perfect shall be established and confirmed, such confirmation shall be for so much land only as such perfect title shall be found to cover, always excepting any part of such land that shall have been disposed of by the United States."

Under this provision it is clear that if any part of the land claimed in this case has been disposed of by the United States, such part must be excepted from the decree of confirmation. This proposition is not open to question. The only question which can be raised is as to what is meant by the expression "disposed of by the United States."

148 Under this provision it is clear that if any part of the land claimed in this case has been disposed of by the United States, such part must be excepted from the decree of confirmation. This proposition is not open to question. The only question which can be raised is as to what is meant by the expression "disposed of by the United States."

this expression must be construed according to its ordinary and usual acceptation. There is nothing in the act to justify the conclusion that it was used in any narrow or technical sense, or as having reference to any particular method of disposition. This clause of the act certainly has reference to excepting from the confirmation land the title to which has been disposed of by the United States. We can entertain no other conception of the United States disposing of land than as disposing of the title to the land. To dispose of the thing is to part with it. To dispose of land is to part with it, and to part with land is simply to part with the title to it. When a man parts with whatever title he may have to land, he has disposed of it to the full extent of his ability to do so. A man may part with his title to the land either by a sale and conveyance of it as of an absolute fee, or by a simple quit claim or release of any claim he may have to it. In either case the land is effectually disposed of as *qfr* as he can do so. And so it is with the United States. It can dispose of its title to land either by a sale or grant, whereby it undertakes to confer upon the grantee and indefeasible estate in fee, or by a simple quit claim or release, and surrender of all its title and claim to the land. In either event the Government parts with its title, and the land is disposed of so far as the United States is concerned.

The language used in the clause of the statute under consideration comprehends both these methods of disposition. The effect of acts of Congress confirming Spanish and Mexican land claims has been passed upon in numerous cases by the Supreme Court. In the cases of Ryan vs. Carter (93 U. S., 78) and the Tameling Case (93 U. S., 644), and the Maxwell Grant Case (121 U. S., 325), the doctrine is established that a confirmation of one of these grants by act of Congress has the same operation and effect in the way of passing title as a grant de novo made by act of Congress, and that a grant of land may be made by law, as well as by a patent pursuant to a law. In the Ryan Case (93 U. S., page 82) it is said: "Repeated decisions of this court have declared that such a statute passes the title of the United States as effectually as if it contained in terms a grant de novo, and that a grant may be made by law as well as by patent pursuant to a law." This same language is reiterated in the Tameling Case (93 U. S., at

page 663), and the same principle was applied in the Maxwell Grant Case.

From these decisions the inference is unavoidable that as a disposition of the land an act of Congress confirming Spanish land claims stands upon the same footing and is to be considered in the same light as an act making an independent grant *de novo*.

Now, if Congress had passed an act making in terms an out-and-out grant of this particular tract of land to the Indian of Pojoaque, we would be compelled to say that that particular tract of land had been disposed of by the United States. Under the logic of the decisions cited how can we say anything else as to the effect of the act of Congress confirming these several Indian pueblo claims?

The conclusion is clear that this case is precisely within the provision of section 8, above quoted.

It is contended that the construction above given to the act of Congress should not be adopted, for the reason that if the part of the land covered by the Indian titles is excepted from the decree of confirmation the plaintiffs will be deprived of the right to assert the superiority of their right to the land as against the Indians in the courts of ordinary jurisdiction, and therefore the necessity of protecting the rights of all parties claiming interests in the land compels the adoption of a different construction.

It is seen that the act of Congress confirming the lands to the Indian pueblos contained the provision "that this confirmation shall only 150 be construed as a relinquishment of all title and claim of the United States to any part of said lands, and shall not affect any adverse valid rights should such exist."

This reservation is not made in favor of such rights only as should be passed on and approved under authority of the United States, but is a reservation in favor of any valid right of property in the land confirmed which existed at the time of the treaty of cession.

Prior to the act of Congress confirming the lands to the Indians, no adverse rights to the lands could be asserted in courts of ordinary jurisdiction, although such rights existed and were valid. The reason for this was that the land—the res—which was to be the subject of judicial action was within the exclusive jurisdiction of the political department of the Government of the United States. Being within that jurisdiction, the res was wholly withdrawn from the jurisdiction of the ordinary courts. The courts might have had jurisdiction of the parties to be affected, but not having jurisdiction of the res, no judgment could be given which would affect the status or title.

By the act of confirmation, however, the res passed out from the exclusive jurisdiction of the political department of the Government and within the jurisdiction of the courts. And the moment the land came within the jurisdiction of the courts, every right and interest in the land, of whatever nature and from what source so ever arising, could be asserted in the courts in appropriate proceedings.

In the cases of *Hallet vs. Collins* (10 Howard, 174) and *Meader vs. Norton* (11 Wall., 442) it is established that when a grant has been confirmed in the name of one person, and another has a better title to the land confirmed than the conferee, such owner of the better title may assert his rights to the land in a court of equity and hold the conferee

as trustee of the legal title to his benefit and compel a conveyance.

151 The plaintiffs in this case claim, and are shown to have, a title which was complete and perfect at the time of the treaty of cession and which requires no confirmation. There would seem to be no doubt that if the plaintiffs' title is paramount and superior to that of the Indians to the lands in question, it can be asserted against the Indians in the courts of ordinary jurisdiction without any confirmation by this court. The decree in this case should show that the court finds the grant set up by plaintiff to be genuine, to have become complete and perfect, and entitled to confirmation; that a part of the land within the boundaries of the grant has been by an act of Congress confirmed to the Indian pueblos, and for that reason are excepted from the decree of confirmation. This is as far as this court can go under the plain language of the act of Congress creating it.

HENRY C. SLUSS,  
*Associate Justice.*

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO, *October 24th, 1895.*

I concur in the conclusion reached in the foregoing opinion, and in the reasoning by which that conclusion is reached, except that I do not concur in the reasoning as to the proper construction of the provision of section 8 of the act of Congress creating this court.

THOMAS C. FULLER,  
*Associate Justice.*

152 And be it further remembered that t'ereafter, to wit, on the 9th day of November, A. D. 1895, a motion to vacate the decree of confirmation in said cause was filed in the office of the clerk, which said motion is in the words and figures following, to wit:

153 In the Court of Private Land Claims.

MARIA DE LA PAZ VALDEZ DE CONWAY ET AL. }  
versus } No. 112.  
THE UNITED STATES. }

Now come the pueblo of Nambe and the pueblo of Pojoaque, by John L. Bullis, agent of the United States for the Pueblo Indians, and show to the court here that the lands claimed by said petitioner in the above-entitled cause, and which have been confirmed by the decree of this court to said petitioners, are almost entirely within the limits of the lands confirmed by act of Congress to said pueblos of Nambe and Pojoaque and patented to them by the United States.

The said pueblos further show to the court that while they were made parties defendant to said petition they were never served with process therein and had no opportunity to appear and make defense to the said claim of said petitioners.

The said pueblos therefore move the court to vacate the decree of confirmation heretofore entered in this cause by this court and to allow them an opportunity to be heard herein in opposition to the said claim.

THE PUEBLO OF POJOAQUE and  
THE PUEBLO OF NAMBE.  
By JOHN L. BULLIS,  
*Captain 24th Infantry, Acting Indian Agent.*

154 And afterwards, to wit, at a stated term of the Court of Private Land Claims, begun and held at Santa Fe on the third day of March, A. D. 1896, and on the second day of said term, the same being the third day of March, 1896, the following, among other proceedings, were had, to wit:

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THE UNITED STATES ET AL.

In the above-entitled cause the motion of the Indians of the pueblos of Nambe and Pohuaque to vacate the decree of confirmation heretofore entered in this cause and to allow them an opportunity to be heard, was set for argument on Saturday, the fifteenth inst.

155 And afterwards, to wit, at a stated term of the Court of Private Land Claims, begun and held at Santa Fe on the ninth day of November, 1896, and on the nineteenth day of said term, the same being the second day of December, A. D. 1896, the following, among other proceedings, were had, to wit:

MARIA DE LA PAZ VALDEZ DE CONWAY ET AL.  
vs.  
UNITED STATES ET AL.

“Cuyamungue  
grant.”

The motion of the pueblos of Nambe and Pohuaque to vacate the decree of confirmation heretofore entered in the above-entitled cause, filed November ninth, 1895, now coming on to be heard and being submitted to the court, the court being now sufficiently advised in the premises, doth overrule and deny said motion.

It is therefore ordered by the court that the said motion of the petitioners to vacate the decree of confirmation in this cause be, and the same hereby is, denied.

156 And be it further remembered, that thereafter, to wit, on the sixth day of January, A. D. 1897, an appeal and allowance were filed in the office of the clerk, which said appeal and allowance are in the words and figures following, to wit:

157 *Appeal and allowance.*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, *ss.*:

Court of Private Land Claims, Santa Fe district.

MARIA DE LA PAZ VALDEZ DE CONWAY ET AL.,  
plaintiffs and appellees,  
vs.  
THE UNITED STATES, DEFENDANT AND APPEL-  
lant.

No. 112.

Cuyamungue grant.

The above-named defendant, the United States, considering itself aggrieved by the decree entered on the twenty-four day of October, 1895, in the above-entitled proceeding, doth hereby appeal from said decree to

the Supreme Court of the United States, and it prays that this appeal be allowed, and that a transcript of the record and proceedings and papers upon which said decree was made, duly authenticated, may be sent to the Supreme Court of the United States.

The said defendant shows to the court here that the statement by the United States attorney to the Attorney-General required by sec. 9 of the act of Congress establishing this court, approved March 3, 1891, was not made in said cause within sixty days after the rendition of judgment therein, but was made on December 22, 1896.

MATT. G. REYNOLDS,  
*U. S. Attorney for Defendant and Appellant.*

And now, to wit, on January 4th, 1897, it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the statement required to be made by the U. S. attorney to the Attorney-General by sec. 9 of the act of Congress establishing this court was not made within sixty days after the rendition of the judgment therein, but was made on, to wit, the twenty-second day of December, 1896, it is ordered that an appeal be, and hereby is, now allowed as prayed for.

WILBUR F. STONE,  
*Associate Justice, Court of Private Land Claims.*

158 Snd be it further remembered that thereafter, to wit, on the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1897, a citation was filed in the office of the clerk, which said citation is in the words and figures following, to wit:

159 *Citation on appeal to Supreme Court.*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ss:

The President of the United States, to Maria de la Paz Valdez de Conway and others, greeting:

You are hereby cited and admonished to be and appear at a Supreme Court of the United States, to be holden at Washington, to wit: Sixty days from and after the date of this citation, pursuant to an appeal filed in the office of the clerk of the Court of Private Land Claims, wherein the United States is appellant and you are appellees, to show cause, if any there be, why the decree rendered against the said appellant, as in the said appeal mentioned, should not corrected, and why speedy justice should not be done to the parties in that behalf.

Witness the Honorable Melville W. Fuller, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, this fourth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

WILBUR F. STONE,  
*Associate Justice, Court of Private Land Claims.*

On this        day of        189    , personally appeared before me the subscriber,        and makes oath that he delivered a true copy of the above citation to        .

Subscribed and sworn to before me this        day of        , 189    .

I hereby acknowledge service of the foregoing citation for and on behalf of the plaintiffs and appellees this 8th day of January, 1897, but I do not waive any ground of objection to the time or validity of the said appeal.

JNO. H. KNAEBEL,  
*Attorney for Plaintiffs.*

(Indorsed:) Citation filed Jan. 22, 1897. James H. Reeder, clerk.  
By Ireneo L. Chaves, dep'ty.

160 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Territory of New Mexico, ss:*

I, James H. Reeder, clerk of the Court of Private Land Claims, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct transcript of all the papers filed and the proceedings had in said court in the case entitled Maria de la Paz Valdez de Conway et al. vs. United States, No. 112.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at Santa Fe, Territory of New Mexico, this 26th day of March, A. D. 1897.

[SEAL.]

JAMES H. REEDER, *Clerk.*  
By IRENEO L. CHAVES, *Deputy.*

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